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CHINA RENAMES 11 PLACES IN ARUNACHAL

1. China has released a third set of names in Chinese, Tibetan and Pinyin characters for Arunachal Pradesh
2. It also released a map showing the Indian state as part of the southern Tibetan region, which China refers to as Zangnan
3. This is the third batch of 'standardised geographical names' for Arunachal Pradesh issued by China's civil affairs ministry. The 1st batch renaming six places was released in 2017 and the 2nd batch of 15 places in 2021
4. The move is part of Beijing's efforts to reemphasise its claim over the Indian state
5. India has dismissed such claims, asserting the state has always been and will always be its integral part and that assigning 'invented' names doesn't alter it | **P7**

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UP man behind Kerala train fire, say police

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Kozhikode

A day after a man set passengers on fire on the Alappuzha-Kannur Executive Express at Elathur, near Kozhikode, evidence gathered by the police so far indicates the assailant is a native of Noida (Uttar Pradesh), goes by the name Sharukh Saifi and reached Kerala recently.

Three persons — a man, a woman and a 2-year-old girl — died when they jumped off the train to escape the fire on Sunday night. According to police, the assailant entered D1 coach with two bottles of petrol, splashed it on passengers, and set them on fire. Soon after the attack, he fled the scene.

Eight persons who sustained burns have been admitted in various hospitals, one of them in serious condition.

The police found the name 'Sharukh Saifi' written in a notebook found in a bag recovered from the rail tracks. The bag — suspected to belong to the attacker — contained a mobile phone without a SIM card, clothes and food items. Officials said the phone was switched off a few days ago in Delhi.

Meanwhile, the Kerala government has constituted a special investigating team with P Vikraman, SP, crime branch, Malappuram, as its head. The 18-member team includes Anti-Terror Squad DySP Byju Poulose, Kozhikode Assistant Commissioner P Bijuraj and Tanur DySP V V Benny besides inspectors and sub-inspectors from various stations.

Rahul gets bail, hearing against verdict on Apr 13

Court admits his appeal in defamation case

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA @ Ahmedabad

A sessions court in Surat on Monday admitted Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's appeal against his conviction in a 2019 criminal defamation case over his controversial remarks on the Modi surname, for which he was sentenced to two years in jail by the trial court.

The court also granted him bail till the disposal of his appeal and posted the matter for hearing on April 13.

In his appeal, Rahul argued he was treated harshly by the trial court and was sentenced in a manner so as to attract disqualification as a Member of Parliament.

Along with his main plea, Rahul filed two additional applications — the first for the suspension of sentence or for regular bail, and the second for the suspension of conviction.

If the second application is allowed, his Lok Sabha membership could be restored, subject to the issuance of a notification by the LS Secretariat.

The sessions court did not stay his conviction but issued a notice to complainant Purnesh Modi, a BJP MLA and former Gujarat cabinet minister, over the matter.

Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi leave the Surat court on Monday | PTI

After getting bail from the sessions court, Rahul tweeted: "Truth is my weapon... This is a fight to save democracy, against 'Mitrakal'. In this struggle, truth is my weapon, and truth is my refuge."

Gehlot said that the senior Congress leaders came to Surat to show their solidarity with the Gandhi scion. "We have faith in the judiciary... We are engaging in satyagraha in order to save the country. The country is watching how Rahul Gandhi, Indira Gandhi's grandson, and Rajiv Gandhi's son, is being treated today," he said.

According to sources, Rahul will not be present during the next hearing. His counsel requested the court that the accused be excused from appearing in court again, to which Additional Sessions Judge R P Mogera agreed.

Ex-bureaucrat first head of Road Safety Board: Gadkari

PARVEZ SULTAN @ New Delhi

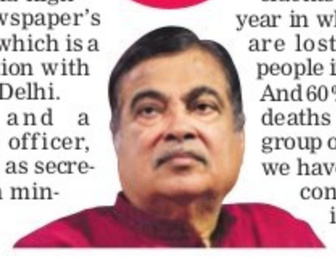
THE ministry of road transport and highways on Monday constituted the much-awaited National Road Safety Board with retired bureaucrat U P Singh as its chairman. "Today, I approved the constitution of the Board. Retired IAS officer U P Singh has been appointed Board's chairman," said Nitin Gadkari, minister of road transport and highways at this newspaper's *Delhi Dialogues*, which is a monthly interaction with power players in Delhi.

An IITian and a 1985-batch IAS officer, Singh last served as secretary in the Union ministry of textiles.

In September 2021, the ministry had notified the constitution of the Board to formulate specific standards for road safety, traffic management, road construction and enhancing skill sets of the traffic police, hospitals and highway officials.

Speaking on road safety and accidents, Gadkari said it was the only area his ministry couldn't get success in despite its best efforts.

"In India, five lakh accidents are reported in a year in which 1.5 lakh lives are lost and three lakh people injured every year. And 60% of road accident deaths belong to the age group of 18-24 years. This we have not been able to control but are making efforts," he said.



Hall of shame

25 OF 28 GANGSTERS LIVING ABROAD FROM PUNJAB: MHA

MHA's list of 28 gangsters of Indian origin based in foreign countries shows 25 of them belong to Punjab while rest hail from Rajasthan & Maharashtra | **P8**

Lynching: 4 teams to nab Kerehalli

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

THE Ramanagara district police have formed four teams to arrest right-wing activist Punith Kerehalli, who is accused of lynching Idrees Pasha (39) – an assistant driver of a cattle transport vehicle, in Sathanur police station limits on early on Saturday morning.

"The accused are yet to be arrested. A team of doctors from the Department of Forensic Medicine has conducted the postmortem and we are waiting for the report to ascertain the exact cause of (Pasha's) death. Only the postmortem report will shed light on the exact cause of the death," BR Ravikanthe Gowda, Inspector General of Police (IGP), Central Range, told The New Indian Express.

Idrees Pasha and Punith Kerehalli

One team is headed by the inspector of Sathanur police station, while the other by the DySP of the sub-division, and two others by the sub-division police.

Kerehalli along with four others have been booked for murder after the body of Pasha was found a stone's throw away from the Sathanur police station.

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EXPRESS READ

Modi to hold 20 mega rallies in Karnataka

Bengaluru: Prime Minister Narendra Modi is likely to hold a series of rallies in Karnataka once the BJP announces its candidates' list for the Assembly elections. He is expected to hold around 20 rallies, at least four a day. With many surveys indicating that the ruling BJP may not get a clear majority, the party's state and central leaders are leaving no stone unturned to win 140 seats | **P4**

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• **Nakshatra:** Purvaphalguni 9.11 am • Moon in Kanya Rashi • **Rahukaala:** 03:00 am to 04:30 am
• **Gulikakala:** 12:00 pm to 01:30 pm • **Yamaganda:** 09:00 am to 10:30 am

WEATHER
MIN 22°C | MAX 33°C
FORECAST
Light rain. Afternoon clouds.

Sunrise 6.14 am | Sunset 6.31 pm | Moonrise 5.11 pm | Moonset 5.02 am

GOVT INACTION

Parents unite to fight school fee hike

DONNA EVA @Bengaluru

WITH seemingly no assistance from the government and courts, parents have taken it upon themselves to help out each other to fight against exorbitant fees in private schools.

After the recent high court order on January 5, barring the government from regularising private school fees, parents have been running pillar to post to ensure that fees are not increased needlessly.

There have been several incidents where private schools have hiked fees with even the Karnataka Private School Managements, Teaching and Non-Teaching Staff Co-ordination Committee (KPMTCC) taking a stand in the issue.

With students moving to higher grades, it is expected that fees will be increased. However, parents have reported a fee hike of as much as 27 per cent, meaning that tuition fees of Rs 1.2 lakh go up to Rs 1.52 lakh, a jump by Rs 32,000.

In particular, they have asked a regulatory body on the lines of Real Estate Regulatory Authority (RERA) be set up to deal with the complaints related to private school fees.

However, the state government has promised to move the Supreme Court on the issue. "The government is trying to put out a software that will make details of private schools public to help students and parents, but these will take years to come into effect. Taking the legal route will also prolong the issue, giving private schools time to make money. Right now, parents are crying foul as fees have started going up exponentially and there is nowhere to go," Mohamed Shakeel, president of the Voice of Parents, Karnataka (VOPK) told TNIE.

"Right now, the only ray of hope is the Right to Education (RTE) Act which says schools can charge fees as approved by the department, though there is no proposal on how they will approve the fees fixed by schools," Shakeel told TNIE.

"The RTE Act says that schools have to register, take recognition and a no objection certificate from the government to affiliate to other boards, but if the government cannot regulate them, how does it plan on checking profiteering and commercialisation to comply with Supreme Court judgements?" he said.

Meanwhile, he also stated that while parents can approach the District Education Regulatory Authority (DERA), these takes years to decide on the matter, despite resolutions having to be given within three months.

Want votes? Stress on edu sector: Youth to netas

Young voters looking at track record, edu qualification & vision

AKNISREE KARTHIK @Bengaluru:

WITH just a month left for polling, political parties are reaching out to young voters and announcing schemes like monthly allowance for unemployed youngsters, employment, free travel in government buses, higher educational loans, reservation and other goodies to woo them. However, the young say they will vote not merely on the basis of promises, but on track record, educational qualification and vision of the candidate.

Guna MJ, a student of Maharani Cluster University who is excited that she is going to cast her vote for the first time, said she will not look at the political party or candidate. "I will look at the promises the candidate has made for my constituency. I will also check the background of the candidate, educational qualification, earlier work and vision, before I ink," she said. Guna said politics is meant to serve people, and candidates must serve people and lay more stress on improving the education sector.

Guna's friend and batchmate Aishwarya A said she will vote not only on the basis of work done by the candidate/party in the past, but also decide after going through their vision document.

Anusha R differed a bit from her friends, saying she will give preference to candidates with creativity, and those who could give impetus to inventions. Another first-time voter, Sunitha, said is it crucial to choose the right candidate as it will have direct impact on the development of the state and country.

Arpitha P, eager to cast her maiden vote, said her vote is for the party that is with farmers. "Farmers are the backbone of our economy. They need to be helped for the agriculture sector to grow. With agriculture, the education sector also needs crucial attention as it fuels development. We should look for an educated candidate, and my vote will be for the party that satisfies these criteria."

First-time voters ready to exercise their franchise in the upcoming polls

BBMP to keep a tab on religious events, marriages

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
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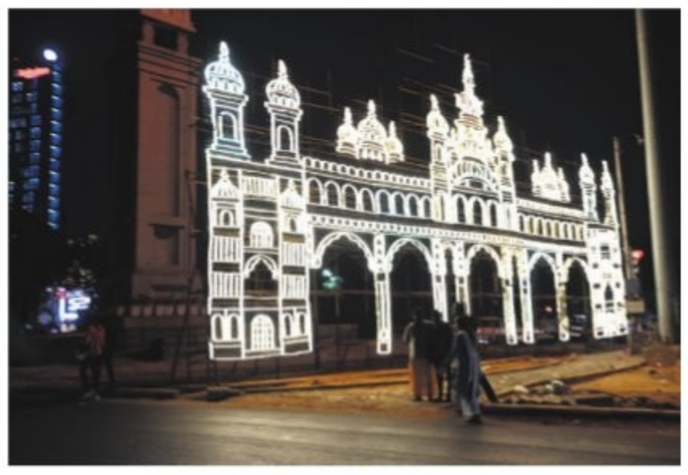
TO prevent misuse of marriages and religious programmes for political campaigning as the model code of conduct is in force, Chief Commissioner of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palke and District Election Officer (DEO) Tushar Girinath said these programmes will also be under scanner.

"The political party leaders might take advantage of such events and so we will be doing a video recording of such events even though the model code of conduct does not cover marriages, religious functions and personal events. If we find out that there are anomalies, we will take action," said Girinath. Squads will be formed to monitor such functions and events, he said.

The Palike will also be working with RBI officials to monitor transfers of bulk amount through online transfers. The details of such accounts will be examined.

"BBMP officials are in touch with an agency to check online transactions. We have also roped in an RBI official for the district-level enforcement so that it's easy to source bank details in case of any suspicious transactions," added Girinath.

He also said that discussions are being held with RWAs to create awareness about election malpractices.



FESTIVE FEVER

An illuminated replica of the Mysuru Palace ahead of Bengaluru Karaga at Hudson Circle in Bengaluru on Monday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

EXPRESS READ

Flight to Abu Dhabi returns to KIA due to glitch

Bengaluru: An Etihad Airways flight from Bengaluru to Abu Dhabi with 196 passengers on board returned to KIA on Sunday night due to technical reasons. The EY 237 flight was hovering over Hindupur and Nandi Hills for 1.5 hours to exhaust its fuel, a source said. After the glitch was fixed, the flight took off 3 hours and 40 minutes behind scheduled. Another source said the flight had developed some variation in cabin pressure after take-off.

Postcard on Mahavir released

Bengaluru: To mark Mahavir Jayanti on Tuesday, a picture postcard on the 24th Thirthankara Bhagwan Mahavir was released by Chief Postmaster General, Karnataka Postal Circle, Rajendra S Kumar at the General Post Office on Monday. The postcard bares the photos of the spiritual leader with the words 'Live and Let Live'. Jains from across South India came to take part in the event, organised by the Jainism Philatelic Society of India and India Post. D Surendra Kumar, national president of Bharatiya Jain Milan, Mahavir Kundur, national vice-president, Jainism Philatelic Society of India, and Vikas Jain, Karnataka working president of Bharatvarshiya Digamber Jain Tirth Sanrakshini Mahasabha were present.

BU PhD application dates postponed

Bengaluru: Dates for admission into Bangalore University's PhD programme have been postponed, due to a 'tenchnical issue'. According to a circular issued by the university, online applications will be available from April 17 onwards. The last day to apply for the programme without a fine is May 2, and, with a fine of Rs 200, till May 10.

K'taka Postal Circle rolls out scheme for women

Bengaluru: In a boost to financial empowerment of women, the Karnataka Postal Circle on Monday rolled out a new scheme, Mahila Samman Savings Certificate 2023. It offers a fixed interest of 7.5% over a two-year period and a maximum ceiling limit of Rs 2 lakh.

BBMP revenue touches ₹3,332 crore

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THE Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike's (BBMP) revenue department collected a whopping Rs 3,332 crore for the financial year 2022-2023 as against Rs 3,088 crore in the previous financial year.

BBMP revenue commissioner RL Deepak said that BBMP property collection has seen an uptick as the Palike had set a target of over Rs 4,000 crore through property tax collection for the financial year. The civic body hopes to collect more revenue through other initiatives like checking with Bescom metre readings and verifying self-assessment tax reports by property owners, which can bring in an additional Rs 300-plus crore.

The Palike's tax collection was 75.13 per cent in 2022-2023. Compared to last year, over Rs 250 crore more revenue has been collected which can be attributed to a robust collection system, and the Palike will try to raise its property tax in 2023-2024, said Deepak.

BBMP zone	Tax collected (in ₹cr)
Bommanahalli	352.57
Dasarahalli	95.46
East	588.05
Mahadevapura	952.73
RR Nagar	220.16
South	481.19
West	356.50
Yelahanka	126.77

Unlike last time, senior BBMP officials said that they will cover more houses to compare Bescom meters and self-assessment tax report. "The owners who have been avoiding paying taxes or were paying it less by falsely declaring their commercial properties as residential, and declaring lower value of their properties will receive demand notices. Earlier, of the 20,000 properties, 7,000 owners were given demand notices," said a revenue department official.

The official also said that the Palike has offered a one time settlement scheme from March 27 for six months for state and central government agencies and their undertakings to clear their dues. "If these initiatives work out well, the Palike will earn an additional Rs 300 crore to Rs 700 crore in 2023-2024."

Hoteliers expect drop in LPG cost, defer price hike

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EXPECTING a reduction in commercial LPG cylinder price, members of the Bruhat Bengaluru Hotel Owners' Association on Monday have decided to defer their decision to hike prices of food items by 10 per cent in hotels, small and fine-dine restaurants.

Earlier, with a rise in LPG cylinder price and battling inflationary heat of other commodities, hoteliers had hinted at increasing prices.

The spike in LPG cylinder prices was one of the major reasons for thinning profit margins for hoteliers.

Speaking to TNIE, PC Rao, president, Bruhat Bengaluru Hotel Owners' Association, said, "Consumers should not bear the burden of price rise, so we have decided to defer our decision to hike prices as we are expecting the LPG prices to come down in the next few weeks. Earlier, governments used to give discounts to LPG distributors who used to pass on the benefits to us. But over the last six months, the government has stopped offering the discount." On each commercial LPG cylinder, hotels used to get a discount ranging from Rs 200-500 based on the number of cylinders purchased, he said.

"Cylinder price has gone up to Rs 2,200 from Rs 1,500. We have requested the government to extend the discount offer, and they have responded positively," he said. Asked if the decision has some connection with the polls, Rao clarified it has been a practice to meet after the end of the financial year and decide on price hike.

WILL LOOK AT CENTRALISED LICENCE SYSTEM FOR HOTELS, SAYS SUDHAKAR

Bengaluru: BJP's manifesto will be prepared according to the aspirations of people from across society. The hotel industry has been providing employment to people with all kinds of educational backgrounds, and even fed people during the Covid pandemic. "We wish to draft the manifesto after taking hotel industry inputs," said Health Minister Dr K Sudhakar, who is the convenor of BJP's manifesto committee. He was speaking at the meeting to take suggestions from the Hotel Owners' Association here on Monday, and said the BJP government is in favour of hoteliers. PC Rao, president of Bruhat Bengaluru Hotel Owners Association, said that hotel owners have to obtain multiple licences and urged that it be centralised. Dr Sudhakar said that discussions are on to issue licences through a 'centralised system' to hotels, and said this will ensure transparency and curb corruption. He added that the manifesto committee is checking if licenses can be issued through a 'centralised system' or 'single window system' and then include it in the manifesto. He pointed out that the GST rates for the hotel industry were reduced from 18 to 5 per cent and said they have now received representation to reduce the price of LPG and fuel and assured that they would look into it.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

04th April: The universe is a weird place. Yesterday I was reading some of the latest research which argues that there are up to twenty dimensions, perhaps many more. This particular article was claiming that there are also fractions of a dimension, like half a dimension, or a quarter. It all makes astrology look positively normal!

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
One way or another you must rise above little disappointments and rejections, and the best way to do this is to stop thinking about yourself and see what you can do for others. Do try to be as charming as possible in all situations - and get partners to see that pleasant manners can help them, too.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
Decide whether one particular friendship or emotional connection is worth maintaining on its present level. Otherwise think about what you can do to make your life more enjoyable and creative. After all, you were put on this planet to relish life's pleasures.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
You could not ask for more support from home, even though family members may not be much use unless you demonstrate to all and sundry that you have a firm direction and that you know exactly what you are doing. You must assert your authority first, and then exercise it with wisdom.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
Deeply favourable aspects relate to travel stars and connections with people in other places. Quite simply it is an excellent moment to pick up your pen, get on the phone and get in touch. You might even be surprised by some of the hidden truths which come to light.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
There's still a strong emphasis on cost, and you may be inhibited by the feeling that there's something you want, but can't afford. There may be a way around almost any obstacle, but you must persuade others that you need their unqualified backing.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
You have the advantage, and a number of emotional trump cards are still in your hand. Do be aware though, that as money becomes a more important consideration, so you may shift your position over a number of relationships. Give partners time to catch up.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
Give your mystical and spiritual aspirations a bit of extra space today. There is a great deal to be said for spending some time by yourself, and also in thinking deeply about what exactly it is that makes partners tick. The answers might be surprising.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
There is far too much at stake for you to lose control now. Venus' occupation of your chart makes it clear that at work your best chances come from improving relationships with colleagues. In fact, business and pleasure may merge in an intriguing manner.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
Even people you have dealt with in the past could turn out to be unreliable, but by the same token, people you thought untrustworthy will eventually prove their true worth. Don't judge others by appearances! You might even have been wrong in your assessment of a close friend.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
Solving those daily problems is all a matter of common sense! Check out legal questions and, in all areas, consider the ethical issues. Establish a sense of moral purpose, free from dogma, and you'll manage your practical affairs very much more efficiently in future.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
You are very likely to find that aspects of your personal life have changed out of all recognition. You're now entering a period of consolidation which could continue until the next bout of change in about two or three months' time. Prepare your ground with all due care.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
You may allow life to take its own course, pressing ahead with your personal plans, but allowing partners to imagine that everything is going their way. It's all a matter of being as diplomatic as you can! Events will work out in your favour, but perhaps not exactly as you expect.

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle

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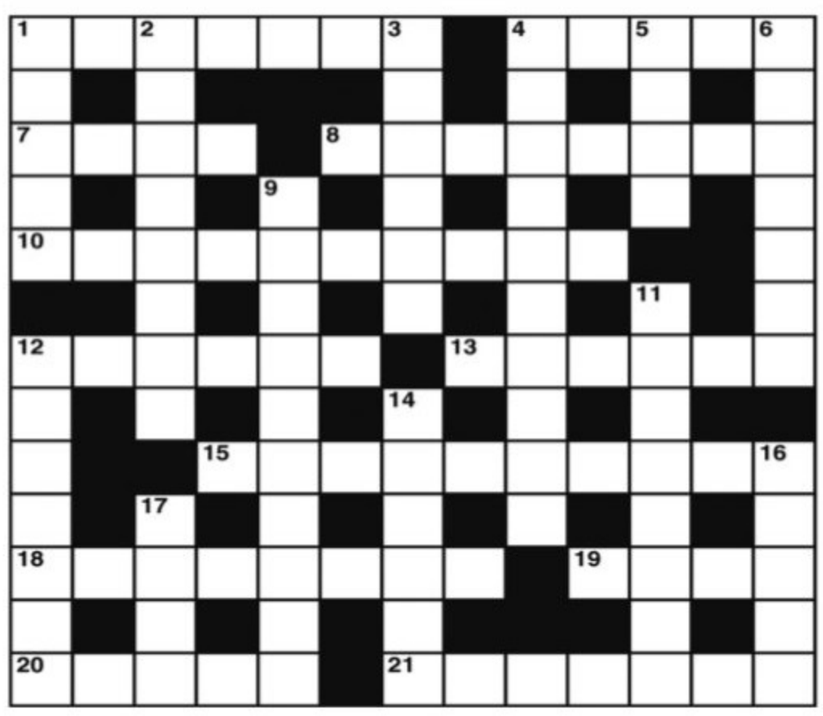

CROSS WORD

ACROSS
1 Venice's variety shows (7)
4 Don't take a vacancy (5)
7 Not in favour of a hard worker taking one (4)
8 Component parts assembled by steel men (8)
10 Precarious way to establish a momentary contact (5,3,2)
12 He is taken in by a bearded Indian desert chief (6)
13 The coming of the Christian faith (6)
15 Something to slip on, but not in bed (5,2,3)
18 Set out to get a fiancee (8)
19 Expensive address (4)
20 Sides and top cut off hedges (5)
21 Experienced happiness when in dire need (7)

DOWN
1 Some drunken actors perform (5)
2 Interferes and is taken out (8)
3 Still is returned with a fast time (6)
4 Equip old man for battle in the last war (10)
5 Is the possessor of topless dresses (4)
6 Do some analytical piecework? (7)
9 To greet thus will astound the workers (5,5)
11 Consignment of French uniform (8)
12 Cross sailor gets over anger (7)
14 Cut over a quarter? That's serious (6)
16 Hesitantly stated a colour and was wrong (5)
17 Animal with arms raised (4)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Measurement, 9 Polaris, 10 Saith, 11 Oath, 12 Dear, dear, 14 Nabbed, 16 Asleep, 18 Maligned, 19 Skid, 22 Noose, 23 Stories, 24 On one's knees.

Down: 2 Eclat, 3 Serf, 4 Rested, 5 Mistress, 6 Naivete, 7 Appointment, 8 Chiropodist, 13 Sea green, 15 Balloon, 17 Census, 20 Knife, 21 Corn.

JUMBLE

UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.

BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

CAXTE

KNIYD

PMAHIS

MAYIFN

I thought to change things up, we'd draw partners from a bowl today.
Maybe we'll be partners.
That'd be fun.
WHEN THEY RANDOMLY CHOSE PEOPLE TO TEAM UP TO PLAY TENNIS, IT WAS ---
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers Monday)

Yesterday's Jumbles: DRAWN UPPER MISERY ABLAZE
Answer: The new shoe store was about to open, and they were — "PRE-PAIR-ED"

A 47-year-old man and his 14-year-old-daughter died in an accident on the outskirts of the city in Ramanagara district police limits on Monday morning. The deceased are KP Yogesh and his daughter Y Harshitha, residents of Kalya village in Magadi taluk. Yogesh was on his way to drop his daughter to school on a two-wheeler when an over-speeding car is said to have hit the bike from behind at Sabarapalya. The accident happened near the school

High Court grants 15-day parole to youth to marry

He has been in judicial custody for the past six years

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TAKING a compassionate view and considering the extraordinary circumstances that warrant action, the Karnataka High Court came to the rescue of a woman who wanted to marry her lover, but is serving a sentence for murder.

Justice M Nagaprasanna ordered prison authorities to release Anand on parole for 15 days, from April 5 to 20, 2023, acceding to the request of his 63-year-old mother, and a woman who claimed to be in love with him for nine years, and imposed strict conditions to ensure his return to jail, and that he shall not commit any other offence during the period of parole.

Rathnamma's son Anand has been in judicial custody for the past six years, as he was sentenced to 10 years imprisonment in a murder case. G Neetha, now aged about 30 years, claimed to be in love with him for the last 9 years.

Rathnamma has two sons, both of whom are in prison. The aged woman suffers from several ailments, and it is her wish to see the marriage of her son with Neetha. Both are from Kolar district.

Neetha also submitted a representation to the DIG of Prisons and Chief Superintendent of Police at Central Prison, seeking Anand's release on emergency parole for 15 days, and apprehensive that she would be married to someone else. But their request was not considered, and hence, they approached court.

Counsel for the petitioners argued that release of the detenue is imperative, otherwise, he will lose the love of his life.

NO PROVISION FOR GRANT OF PAROLE

The government advocate placed on record communication from prison authorities that there is no provision for grant of parole to get married. If it were to be anybody's marriage that the detenue wanted to attend, it would have been a different circumstance. The objectives of parole as specified under Clause 636 of the Prison Manual would not ensure the benefit of the detenue for his release.

SUMMER SHOWERS

Parts of the city witnessed moderate showers on Monday evening giving respite to Bengalueans from the summer heat | VINOD KUMAR T

Man carrying ₹1.20L taken into custody

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Tumakuru

The flying and static surveillance teams on Monday took a man into custody after seizing Rs 1.20 lakh he was carrying in a bag at a checkpost at Jonigarahalli Cross near Tovinakere in the district.

The man has been identified as Muniswamy, son of Kataiah from Ankasandra near Cheluru town. Muniswamy is supposed to get married on April 22 and April 23 at Koratagere. In his statement, Muniswamy (30), a Bescom lineman, stated that he was on his way to Koratagere to pay the cash to a jeweller for gold ornaments, including the "mangalsutra", for his would-be wife. A press release stated that an FIR has been registered against Muniswamy in Koratagere police station for not giving proper replies on the cash he was carrying. He was released after some time.

Speaking to *TNIE*, Muniswamy said the police initiated action against him though he showed them a receipt from the jeweller to whom he had to pay ₹1 lakh and he had already paid ₹42,000 as advance.

CASH, LIQUOR SEIZED; 316 FIRs FILED

Bengaluru: Flying Squads, static surveillance teams, Police and Income Tax department authorities have seized cash, material, liquor, drugs and other material worth Rs 47,43,85,902 in Karnataka ahead of the May 10 Assembly polls. The teams seized cash of Rs 12,82,94,736, liquor of 2,78,798 litres worth Rs 16,02,76,775 and drugs 79.44 kg worth Rs 41,26,155, read a statement issued by the office of Chief Electoral Officer (CEO). The authorities have filed 316 FIRs over seizure of cash, liquor, drugs, precious metal and freebies.

95% silt in Varthur Lake cleared, confirms inspection

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

NATIONAL Green Tribunal (NGT) former member Prof TV Ramachandra and resident committees of Bellandur and Varthur carried out an inspection of the Bellandur and Varthur lakes on Monday, and agreed with the conclusions of the Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) that 95 per cent of Varthur lake silt and 52 per cent of Bellandur lake have been cleared, which means wetland works can begin.

BDA Assistant Executive Engineer, SS Aravind said the silt cleared from the Varthur lake was given to farmers as a subsidised rate. Movements of the trucks carrying silt were tracked on GPS. The silt from Bellandur lake is being sent to Vittasandra and Myslandra quarry pits.

Ramachandra, professor at Centre for Ecological Sciences, IISc, and residents asked the government agencies to start work on the wetland now.

"Before monsoon, 60 per cent of silt will be removed from Bellandur lake. Two wetlands at Bellandur and one at Varthur will be improved," Aravind said, adding that Ramachandra has asked to clear the diversion channel but it requires a written assurance from BWSSB that no sewage will enter the lakes.

Ramachandra checked the progress of the sewage treatment plant and was disappointed with BWSSB as the parallel drain built by the civic agency to mitigate floods was carrying raw sewage. "The BWSSB promised a hundred per cent treated water at Bellandur by 2019, but it is yet to happen," he said.

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> SS Aravind, BDA Assistant Executive Engineer

The project of carrying water from KC Valley to Anekal has resulted in BWSSB laying pipes in the middle of lake resulting in its bifurcation, he said, adding that buffer zone encroachment is still visible.

Sonali Singh, a Bellandur-Iblur resident, and a member of the team, said that despite the monsoon plight last year, good progress has been made to clear the silt from the two lakes. However, Singh flagged raw and untreated sewage in the sewage diversion channel at Bellandur.

CRIME PATROL

Techie riding pillion succumbs to head injuries

BENGALURU: A 24-year-old software engineer who had sustained severe head injuries in a road accident on NICE Road, succumbed to her injuries at Victoria Hospital on Monday morning. The victim, Sulochana, a resident of Ittamadu and a native of Mandya, was riding pillion with her colleague and friend Ananth Kumar. Around 5.30pm Sunday, they were riding towards Hosakerehalli when the bike hit the wall of the NICE corridor, and both rider and pillion were thrown off. It is said that one of the tyres deflated and the bike went out of control. Sulochana sustained severe head injuries as she was wearing a half-helmet, which failed to protect her. Ananth Kumar, who was wearing a full helmet, is under treatment and said to be out of danger. Both Ananth and Sulochana were working with a tech company in Koramangala. The accident took place near Hosakerehalli toll plaza.

Auto driver flees cops, falls to death from overbridge

BENGALURU: Fearing he would be arrested for consuming drugs, a 30-year-old auto driver is suspected to have fallen to death from the railway overbridge in Malleswaram, while fleeing the police on Monday. Abhram, a resident of Srirampura, was reportedly standing with two friends who were consuming drugs, at an isolated place recently. The two drug addicts were reportedly taken into custody by police. Presuming that police were chasing him, when after he came out of his house after having lunch, Abhram started running. Police suspect he was under the influence of drugs when he fell off the bridge. His body was shifted to Victoria Hospital for postmortem. His father, Shankar, has alleged that Abhram must have been assaulted by police after being apprehended. The victim had come home for lunch and later went out, and within a few minutes, the family was informed about his death.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public is hereby informed that my client is intending to purchase the below mentioned schedule property from its owner viz., Smt. K.V. Shila, W/o P.N. Srinivasa Gowda, R/a No. B2, B Block, SFS 56 Apartments, 6th cross, Yelahanka New Town Bangalore-560064 and if any person has any objection, claim, interest, dispute for the intended sale, he/she may contact the undersigned with the documentary proof his/her objections/claims of dispute/s within Ten (10) days from the date of this publication, failing which, my client will proceed to complete the sale transaction and it would be deemed that there are no third party claims/objections/disputes in respect of the Schedule Property and thereafter no claims / objections / disputes will be entertained.

SCHEDULE

All the piece and parcel of the residential property bearing No.B4-5, Type-B SFS, Old CMC Khata No.1441/B4-5, Ward No.4, situated at Sector B, 3rd phase, Yelahanka New Town, Bangalore North (Addl) Taluk, measuring East to West (10.375+12.60)\2 meters and North to South (12.60+12.45)\2 meters consisting of RCC building of ground floor 40X38 feet and first floor 40X38 feet and bounded on:

East By : Green, West By : Road, North By : House No.4, South By : House No.6

Muchandi & Co., Advocates,
G-1, Tasker Park Apts, #10, Park Road, Tasker Town, Near Indian Express, Bangalore-560051
P: 080-41713335 | M: 9883345555 & 9113899606 E: info@muchandi.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Public are hereby informed that my client Mr.MANJUNATHA.H.R, S/o Ramachandrappa, Residing at No.12, K No.582/47/2/50/12, Konappana Agrahara, Bangalore-560 100 is intend to Purchase the schedule property from its owner SMT.CHINTAMANI PRAMEELA RANI, W/o Sri.Vijay Kumar, Residing at Flat No.402, N V S Heights, Cyberhills Colony, Gachibowli, Serilingampally, K.V. Rangareddy, Telangana-500 032.

The general public are hereby notified that in case if any person/s asserting any legitimate right, objection/s or claim over the schedule property or any part thereof, they may forward such right/s or objection/s or claim/s along with the relevant documentary proof, to the undersigned with 7 days from hereof. All such claims/objections received after 7 days from the date of notification shall not be considered.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the **Property bearing Site No.39**, Khatha No.8/3, e-khatha No.150200300600304841, situated at Doddanagamangala Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore measuring **East to West 30 Feet and North to South 40 feet**, totally measuring **1200 square feet** and bounded on the:

East by : Site No.38, West by : Site No.40, North by : Road, South by : Road.

D.S. PREMA KUMAR, Advocate
No.216, 1st Floor, 4th Cross, Maruti Nilaya, Cubbon Pet, Bangalore-02. Ph:72593 72971

IN THE COURT OF THE I ADDITIONAL CHIEF METROPOLITAN MAGISTRATE AT BENGALURU

C. MISC. No. 117/2023

Between : 1 Sri. CHANNAKRISHNAPPA, S/o. Late. Shivappa Aged about 48 years, **2. Sri. Srinivasa,** S/o. Late. Shivappa, Aged about 45 years, Petitioners 1 and 2 are Residing at Kannamangalu Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District.

...Petitioners

And : The Tahasildar, Birth & Death Registrar, K.R. Puram, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru ....Respondent

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas the above Petitioners have filed the petition for issue of Death Certificate of deceased **Shivappa S/o. Late. Venkateshappa, who died on 28.02.2009** at Kannamangala Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District.

Any person interested to file their objection in this matter may appear **at 11.00 a.m. on 24.05.2023** to which date the case is posted for hearing before the Hon'ble I Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate at Bengaluru.

Given under my hand and seal of the Court on this the 01.04.2023.

By Order of the Court, Shiresthedar, 1st A.C.M.M Court, Bangalore Rural District, Bangalore.

Advocate for Petitioner :
B. Lakshmi Kanthappa, K. Raghavendra
No. 1, 1st Floor, 5th A Cross, Behind I.B. Road, Hosakote Town, Bengaluru - 562 114.

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
HYDERABAD METROPOLITAN WATER SUPPLY & SEWERAGE BOARD
O/o Chief General Manager (Engg), Transmission Circle, Khairatabad, Hyderabad-04, T.S.

e-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTIFICATION

'e'-Tender Nos. & Date	Name of Work	Ranging (approx.)	Bid document download start date
EP-03/CGM(E)/TC/T1/AFB/2023-24, Dated:03-04-2023.	Change of filter media of Patterson bed numbers 8,11 and 12 with dual media using anthracite coal replacement of damaged top and bottom channel with new MS and SS channels at Asifnagar WTP under AF beds section, SD-II, O&M Division No.XVII, Himayathsagar.	Rs. 173.797 lakhs	03-04-2023 @ 10.30 AM
EP-04/CGM(E)/TC/T1/FB/MRG/Div-XVII/2023-24, Dated:03-04-2023.	Change of filter media of Beds number 1 and 6 with dual media using anthracite coal replacement of damaged nozzles and fittings at Mir-Alam Filter Beds under Mir-Alam Filter Beds Section, O&M Division No.XVII, Himayathsagar.	Rs. 164.409 lakhs	03-04-2023 @ 10.30 AM

The Tenderers are requested to upload the information on the Zip format preferably. Further details can be seen on **www.eprocurement.gov.in.**

Sd/- Chief General Manager (Engg), Transmission Circle, Khairatabad, Hyderabad-04. T.S.

PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited
Regd. Office: PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala-147001
Contact Number: 96461-01251, Email id:- se-it1@pspcl.in
Corporate Identity No. : U40109PB2010SGC033813, Website : www.pspcl.in

Tender Enquiry No. 287/DIT-1041 Dated 03.04.2023

Superintending Engineer / IT (A&PM), Ground Floor, 7-Story Building, PSPCL, Head Office, The Mall, Patiala invites Short Term Open e-tender for Provisioning of Primary Internet connectivity and Replication P2P link at Data Center, Patiala & Disaster Recovery Center, Jalandhar, PSPCL for 3 years. For detailed NIT & Tender specifications please refer to **https://eproc.punjab.gov.in** from **03.04.2023, 5:00 PM** onwards.

Note:- Corrigendum and addendum, if any will be published online at **https://eproc.punjab.gov.in**

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BANGALORE GOLF CLUB
NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a Special General Body Meeting of the members of the Club will be held on Wednesday the **26th April, 2023 at 5.00 pm** at the New Club House premises to transact the business mentioned in the notice which is under dispatch to members.

By order of the Managing Committee.
Sd/-
D.N.VASANTH KUMAR
HON. SECRETARY

Place: Bangalore
Date: 04.04.2023

Varthana Finance Private Limited
(Formerly known as Thirumeni Finance Private Ltd.,)
Registered Office at : No. 5BC-110, Varasiddhi. Outer Ring Road, Service Road, 3rd Block, HRBR Layout, Kalyan Nagar, Bangalore-560043. Website www.varthana.com, Email: care@varthana.com, Phone: 080-68455777, Branch Office : No. 5BC-110, Varasiddhi. Outer Ring Road, Service Road, 3rd Block, HRBR Layout, Kalyan Nagar, Bangalore-560043.

POSSESSION NOTICE [Rule 8(1)] (For Immovable property)

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the M/s Varthana Finance Private Ltd., (Formerly Known as M/s. Thirumeni Finance Private Ltd.,) Bangalore, Under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a **Demand Notice dated: 21-06-2022,** calling upon the **Applicants/ Co-Applicants/ Mortgagors, in Loan Account No. . BLR1709S and BLR4327S, 1). M/s. St. Philomina English School.** Represented by its Authorised Signatory, **2). M/s. AGK Educational Trust,** Represented by its Authorised Signatory, No. 1 and 2 are having office at Next to Bescom Office, Anekal Road, Chandapura, Bengaluru – 560099., **3). Mr. V. Ashwath Narayana,** S/o.Lt. Venktarayappa, **4). Mrs. Girija Ashwath Narayana,** W/o. Mr. Ashwath Narayana, No. 3 and 4 are residing at No. 11, 7th 'B' Cross, Chikkthoguru, Electronic City, Near Ganesha Temple, Hosa Raod, Bengaluru -560100., **5). Mr. Chandra Mohan,** S/o. Mr. Srinivasa Reddy, No. 21, Soppahalli, Kasaba Circle, Anekal, Bengaluru Rural - 562106, to repay the amount mentioned in the said notice being a sum of Rs.2,05,28,252/- (Rupees Two Crore Five Lakh Twenty Eight Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty Two Only) as on 18-06-2022, to pay agreed contractual rate of interest together with incidental expenses, cost and other charges etc., as details mentioned in the Demand Notice, till the date of payment, within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

However the Applicants/ Co-Applicants/ Mortgagors herein above having failed to repay the full amount with interest/other charges, notice is hereby given to the Applicants/ Co-Applicants/ Mortgagors in particular and to the public in general that the undersigned being Authorised Officer of the Varthana Finance Private Ltd, Bangalore, has taken **SYMBOLIC POSSESSION** of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13(4) of the said Act, read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002 on this day **31st March 2023.**

The Applicants/ Co-Applicants/ Mortgagors in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of the M/s. Varthana Finance Private Ltd, Bangalore, for an amount of Rs.2,05,28,252/- (Rupees Two Crore Five Lakh Twenty Eight Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty Two Only) as on 18-06-2022, together further with agreed contractual rate of interest, as mentioned herein above until the date of payment together with incidental expenses, cost and other charges. The Applicants/Co-Applicants/Mortgagors attention is invited to provisions of Section 13(8) of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured Assets.

Details of Immovable Property/ies: Schedule - 'A' Property :- All that piece and parcel of the property bearing in Site No.20, Khata No. 987/20, Janjar No.1976 in Sy.No.63/2, measuring 2400 Sq.ft, Situated at Chandapura Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District and Bounded on: East By : Private Property, North By : Site No.19, West By : Road, South By : Site No.21., **Schedule - 'B' Property :-** All that piece and parcel of the property bearing in Site No.135, BBMP Khata No.14, Old Khata No.135, measuring 2650 Sq.ft, Situated at Doddathogur Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore and Bounded on, East By : Private Property Chikkathogur, North By : Road and Property No.135, West By : Vendor Mr.Ashwath Narayan Property, South By : Govindappas and Property No.135.

Date: 04-04-2023, Place: Bangalore — Authorised Officer, Sd/- Varthana Finance Private Limited

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE
UNDER SARFAESI ACT 2002
Sale of Immovable Property
Under Rule 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

DCB BANK

Public E Auction Notice for sale of Immovable Assets Charged to the DCB BANK under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and to the borrower, co-borrowers and the guarantors in particular, by the Authorized Officer, that the below mentioned property is mortgaged to DCB BANK LTD. The Authorized Officer of the Bank has taken the symbolic possession under the provisions of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002. The property will be sold by E-auction as mentioned below for recovery of the below mentioned dues and further interest, charges and cost etc. as per the details set out in the table: -

The property will be sold "as is where is", "as is what is" and "whatever there is" condition. This is also a notice to the borrower, co-borrowers and the guarantors of the loan about holding of the E- auction of sale on the mentioned date, if their outstanding dues are not repaid in full.

SL. No	Location	Customer Name	Outstanding Amount	Built Up Area	Reserve Price	EMD Amount	Date and Time of Inspection	Date of E-Auction
1	Bangalore	M N C Motors	Rs: 7848936/- as on 16-03-2023	1200 Sq. Ft	6700000/-	800000/-	05-05-2023 from 11 am to 4 pm contact person Mr Narendra	12-05-2023 from 11 am
Property Address: Site No. 71, Khata No. 71/71, 2nd division, 2nd allotment , 11th cross, Maruti Nagar, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk.								
2	Bangalore	Ravi Photo Flash	Rs: 4622341/- as on 16-03-2023	900 Sq. Ft	3600000/-	360000/-	05-05-2023 from 11 am to 4 pm contact person Mr Narendra	12-05-2023 from 11 am
Property Address: Property bearing No. 174, Katha No. 3/8, situated at Kumbalgodu village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk.								
3	Bangalore	Samskruthi Couriers	Rs: 1975330/- as on 16-03-2023	1000 Sq ft	5000000/-	500000/-	05-05-2023 from 11 am to 4 pm contact person Mr Narendra	12-05-2023 from 11 am
Property Address: Norther portion of site no 23, Assessment old no 46/3, new no 117, ward no 129, 2nd 'B' Main Road, 2 Block, Sunkadakatte, Sreeganadakavalu village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli.								

Date and time of submission of EMD on or before 9th May 2023 before 5 pm with request letter of participation KYC, Pan Card, Proof of EMD at email id - narendra.ninganeedu@dcbbank.com - 9900432255.

The intending purchasers / bidders are required to deposit EMD amount either through NEFT/RTGS in the name of the beneficiary, DCB Bank, Account Name - RAOU NON PDC, Account No.0382955100223. IFSC Code DCBL0000038, M G Road Branch Bangalore.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE E-AUCTION ARE AS UNDER:

1. E-Auction is being held on "as is where is" and "whatever there is Basis" and will be conducted "On Line". The auction will be conducted through the Bank's approved service provider M/s 4closure.com (Contact NO: 8142000809) at their web portal https://www.bankauctions.in. E-auction tender document containing online e-auction bid form, Declaration, General Terms and Conditions of online auction sale are available in https://www.bankauctions.in
2. To the best of knowledge and information of the Authorized Officer, there is no encumbrance on the property / ices. However, the intending bidders should make their own independent inquiries regarding the encumbrance, tile of the property / ices put on auction and claims / rights / dues / affecting the property, prior to submitting their bid. The e- Auction advertisement does not constitute and will be deemed to constitute any commitment or any representation of the bank. The property is being sold with all the existing and future encumbrances whether know or unknown to the Bank. The authorized Officer / Secured creditor shall not be responsible in any way for any third party claims / right / dues.
3. The EMD is refundable without any interest if the bid is not successful. The undersigned reserve the rights to accept or reject any or all the offers or adjourned / postpone the sale without assigning any reason thereof. If the offer is accepted, the purchaser will have to deposit 25% (less EMD Amount) of the sale price immediately on the auction day and if the purchaser fails to deposit the same, the amount deposited towards earnest money shall be forfeited and the property shall forthwith be sold again. The balance amount of purchase price shall be payable on or before the 15th day of confirmation of sale and in default of payment within the stipulated period, the deposit towards earnest money will be forfeited and property will be re-sold. Any other statutory dues / taxes / stamp duty / registration fee / transfer fee have to be borne by the buyer separately.
4. The sale shall be subject to rules / conditions prescribed under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002

STATUTORY 30 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER THE SARFAESI ACT, 2002

The borrower, co-borrowers and the guarantors are hereby notified to pay the sum as mentioned above along with up to dated interest and ancillary expenses before the date of auction, failing which the property will be auctioned / sold and the balance dues, if any, will be recovered with interest and cost.

Date : 03-03-2023
Place : Bangalore

Sd/-
Authorised Officer
DCB Bank Limited

राष्ट्रीय विज्ञान शिक्षा एवं अनुसंधान संस्थान, भुवनेश्वर
(परमाणु ऊर्जा विभाग, भारत सरकार के अधीन एक स्वायत्त संस्थान)
NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE EDUCATION AND RESEARCH, BHUBANESWAR
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ईमेल / Email id: recruitmentcell@niser.ac.in, वेबसाइट/Website: www. niser.ac.in

विज्ञापन संख्या/ Advt. No. : NISER/RC/2023/NA/01

तकनीकी पदों में भर्ती के लिए विज्ञापन / Advertisement for Recruitment of Technical Posts

नाइजर, भुवनेश्वर में नियमित आधार पर सीधी भर्ती के जरिए निम्नवर्णित **तकनीकी पदों** पर भर्ती के लिए योग्य भारतीय नागरिकों से ऑनलाइन आवेदन आमंत्रित किये जाते हैं। Online applications are invited from eligible Indian citizens for recruitment to the following **technical posts** through direct recruitment on regular basis at NISER Bhubaneswar.

क्रम सं./ S.N	पद का नाम Post Name	वेतन मान Scale of Pay	वर्ग Category	आयु Age	रिक्तियां Vacancies
1	वैज्ञानिक सहायक-सी (क्रायोजेनिक) Scientific Assistant-C (Cryogenic)	7th CPC पे मैट्रिक्स के अनुसार लेवल 7 - 44900-142400 / Level 7 - 44900-142400 as per 7th CPC pay matrix	अनारक्षित UR	32	01
2	वैज्ञानिक सहायक-सी (कंप्यूटर) Scientific Assistant-C (Computer)		अनुसूचित जाति SC	37	01
3	वैज्ञानिक सहायक-सी (पशु गृह) Scientific Assistant-C (Animal House)		अनुसूचित जाति SC	37	01
4	वैज्ञानिक सहायक-सी (रसायन विज्ञान) Scientific Assistant-C (Chemistry)		अन्य पिछड़ा वर्ग, OBC, अनुसूचित जनजाति \ ST	35, 37	01 + 01
5	वैज्ञानिक सहायक-सी (जीवविज्ञान) Scientific Assistant-C (Biology)		आर्थिक रूप से कमजोर वर्ग EWS	32	01
6	वैज्ञानिक सहायक-सी (जीवविज्ञान) Scientific Assistant-C (Biology)		पीडब्ल्यूबीडी PwBD	AA*	01
7	वैज्ञानिक सहायक-सी (ईपीएस) Scientific Assistant-C (EPS)		अनारक्षित UR	32	01
8	वैज्ञानिक सहायक-सी (आईएस) Scientific Assistant-C (IS)		अन्य पिछड़ा वर्ग OBC	35	01
9	वैज्ञानिक सहायक-बी (इलेक्ट्रानिक्स) Scientific Assistant-B (Electronics)	7th CPC पे मैट्रिक्स के अनुसार लेवल 6 - 35400-112400 / Level 6 - 35400-112400 as per 7th CPC pay matrix	अन्य पिछड़ा वर्ग OBC	33	01
10	वैज्ञानिक सहायक-बी (मैकेनिकल) Scientific Assistant-B (Mechanical)		अनारक्षित UR	30	01
11	वैज्ञानिक सहायक-बी (कंप्यूटर) Scientific Assistant-B (Computer)		अन्य पिछड़ा वर्ग OBC	33	01
12	वैज्ञानिक सहायक-बी (कंप्यूटर) Scientific Assistant-B (Computer)		पीडब्ल्यूबीडी PwBD	AA*	01
13	वैज्ञानिक सहायक-बी (पुस्तकालय) Scientific Assistant-B (Civil)		आर्थिक रूप से कमजोर वर्ग EWS	30	01
14	तकनीशियन-सी (मशीनिस्ट) Technician-C (Machinist)	7th CPC पे मैट्रिक्स के अनुसार लेवल 4 - 25500-81100 / Level 4 - 25500-81100 as per 7th CPC pay matrix	अनुसूचित जनजाति ST	35	01
15	तकनीशियन-सी (कंप्यूटर) Technician-C (Computer)		अन्य पिछड़ा वर्ग OBC	33	01
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The Maharashtra Ekikaran Samiti (MES) has decided to form a 101-member-committee to finalise its candidate for Belagavi Rural constituency. The decision was taken at a meeting organised by MES at Maratha Mandir in Belagavi

BJP FIRST LIST LIKELY ON APRIL 8: BOMMAI

Says will contest from home turf Shiggaon

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

THE BJP is likely to release its first list of candidates for the May 10 Karnataka Assembly polls on April 8.

Speaking to reporters here, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai said that the BJP state core committee will meet for two days from Tuesday and the BJP Parliamentary Board will meet on April 8. The first list is expected to be announced on April 8, Bommai said.

Meanwhile, the CM also confirmed that he would seek re-election from Shiggaon in Haveri district putting an end to speculation that he was looking to contest from a constituency outside his home district Haveri.

"Opinion of district-wise core committee members has been collected and it will be discussed in the state-level core committee meeting that will be held on April 4 and 5 in Bengaluru. The recommendation from here will be sent to the Central Parliamentary Board Committee, which will meet on April 8 and approve the first list. It is expected to release the first list after the meeting," he elaborated.

He also hit out at the Congress calling it a party that is "anti-Dalit, backward classes, Lingayats, and Vokkaligas". He said the Congress will not win the upcoming polls. "Congress leaders are shaken after seeing the work implemented by the BJP government," he said, adding that Karnataka saw no development during the Congress rule. "Those were the dark days in the history of the state. Over 50 scams occurred during the Congress regime between 2013 and 2018," he added.

He said while the Congress weakened the Lokayukta, the BJP government did not compromise with corruption. "The Congress failed to provide documents to prove the 40% commission charge against the BJP government. They have no moral right to talk about corruption" he added.

BJP state president and MP Nalin Kumar Kateel, Union Minister Bhagwanth Khuba and Union Minister for State Shobha Karandlaje at the party's new election media office in Bengaluru on Monday | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

POINT-BY-POINT REBUTTAL

Hitting out at AICC General Secretary Randeep Singh Surjewala for alleging that the BJP government is anti-SC/STs, CM Basavaraj bommai said that the BJP government in Karnataka is fully committed to ensuring social justice. "We cannot be bullied by malicious, baseless, misleading and false statements made by the Congress," Bommai said in a point-by-point rebuttal to the Congress' allegations. Congress had used the SC/STs as a vote bank, the CM said.

Modi to hold 20 rallies

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi is likely to hold a series of rallies in Karnataka once the BJP announces its candidates' list for the Assembly elections. He is expected to hold around 20 rallies, at least four a day.

With many surveys indicating that the ruling BJP may not get a clear majority, the party's state and central leaders are leaving no stone unturned to win 140 seats.

The party organised Vijaya Sankalpa Yatre and other rallies across the state much before the announcement of poll dates. The valedictory of the yatre was held in Davanagere on March 25 and Modi participated in it.

Now, the party leaders are busy preparing for the mega rallies to be addressed by Modi, who has already visited many districts, including Mandya, Mysuru, Kalaburagi, Davanagere and Bengaluru.

BJP state general secretary and MLC N Ravikumar told *The New Indian Express* that PM's rallies will be organised in regions and constituencies where he has not visited earlier. Ravikumar said the PM will take part in three to four rallies in a day, covering as many constituencies as possible. He is also expected to take part in a few rallies in Bengaluru, he added.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah, BJP national president JP Nadda, Uttar Pradesh CM Yogi Adithyanath, many union ministers and former CM BS Yediyurappa will tour the state. "Yediyurappa will visit at least 50 assembly constituencies. Similarly, other leaders will visit constituencies where they can influence voters. Our target is 140 seats. We will make all efforts to reach that number," BJP sources said.

It's tough for BJP to maintain dominance in Malnad, Central K'taka

MARX TEJASWI @ Shivamogga

THE fact that five chief ministers hailed from Malnad and Central Karnataka districts indicates how influential the regions are in state politics. Kadidal Manjappa, S Bangarappa, JH Patel and BS Yediyurappa were all from undivided Shivamogga district, while S Nijalingappa was from Chitradurga district.

In the 2018 Assembly elections, BJP won six out of seven constituencies in Shivamogga district, except Bhadravathi that was bagged by Congress. In Chikkamagaluru district, out of the five constituencies, BJP won four, while Congress one. In Davanagere district, BJP won five and Congress one. In Chitradurga, the saffron party won five and Congress two. Out of the 25 constituencies in Malnad and central Karnataka regions, BJP has dominated the political landscape winning 20 seats, leaving the rest to Congress.

The four districts, once the citadels of Congress, have drifted away from the Grand Old Party over the years, but this time they will see a direct fight between Congress and BJP. In Chikkamagaluru, BJP has managed to establish its base since 2004 after consolidating Hindu votes. The Hindutva factor worked well for BJP in Shivamogga and Davanagere districts, where the dominant Lingayat community has backed the saffron party.

But this time, it may not be easy for BJP to retain these seats. Issues like bagair hukum land ownership, rehabilitation of Sharavathi evacuees and the fear of closure of state-owned Visvesvaraya Iron and Steel Limited are election issues in Shivamogga district. In Chikkamagaluru, the dispute over the implementation of the Kasturirangan committee report on Western Ghats remains relevant, besides the loss of coffee crop due to rain. Areca growers in Malanad and Central Karnataka are worried as the government is yet to submit an affidavit to the Supreme Court to stop a ban on gutka, which will affect prices of their produce directly.

The Upper Bhadra Project was and continues to a poll issue in Chitradurga district. This time it is likely to help BJP as the Union government announced a Rs 5,300 crore package for the project. In Davanagere, the lack of a government medical college was an issue, but not anymore, as the BJP government announced that the college will be set up here soon.

Besides these region-specific issues, common concerns like the rise in prices of essential commodities and corruption may also play on the minds of voters.

It will be interesting to see how BJP will douse the anger of Scheduled Caste touchable communities over internal reservation, while Congress is likely to take advantage of it. Whether Lingayats will continue to support BJP too is a big question. Sensing the drift, Congress is now trying to woo Lingayats, backward classes, Dalits and Muslims.

MLC Ayanur Manjunath to quit BJP, his post soon

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Shivamogga

SITTING BJP MLC **Ayanur Manjunath** announced here on Monday that he is resigning from the party and post soon.

Manjunath said he wanted to contest from the Shivamogga Assembly constituency and had expressed his intention to party leaders. Since there is no indication from the party that the ticket would be given to him, he is quitting, he said. There is a likelihood of BJP MLA KS Eshwarappa's son Kantesh getting the ticket, he added. Referring to a recent comment by Eshwarappa that "*Naane lekkakilla, avanyava lekka?* (When I am not considered, then who is he?), Manjunath said it showed the former minister's culture. "I will give you the count. Take out your counting machine from the godown. Being a leader, you (Eshwarappa) should have set an example by seeking the party ticket to a party worker. Instead, you are demanding the ticket for your son," he said.

Manjunath alleged that the former instigated incidents to disturb communal harmony. "During elections, both Hindus and Muslims should be aware of Eshwarappa's tactics. Both sides should have patience. Even the police need to be alert," he added.

BJP MLA Halady Srinivas retires from poll politics

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Udupi

FIVE-time MLA from Kundapura Halady Srinivas Shetty announced his retirement from electoral politics on Monday. The 71-year-old politician from the dominant Bunt community had won from Kundapura in 1999, 2004, 2008, 2013 and 2018.

In 2013, Shetty had contested as an Independent and defeated Congress' Mallyadi Shivaram Shetty by a margin of 40,611 votes. In 2018, Shetty contested on a BJP ticket and defeated Congress' Rakesh Malli by a bigger margin of 56,405 votes.

Though Halady has not suggested any name as his political successor, he sought the cooperation of voters to the new candidate to be declared by the party over the next few days.

There are murmurs in political circles of Udupi that Food and Civil Supplies Corporation Vice-Chairperson Kiran, son of former MLA AG Kodgi, could be the candidate. There is speculation that the BJP may field former minister K Jayaprakash Hegde or a new face.

The Congress has already declared Molahalli Dinesh Hegde, a contractor, as its candidate from Kundapur. Hegde is contesting the Assembly election for the first time. Udupi district BJP president Kuyilady Suresh Nayak told *TNIE* that Shetty retired from electoral politics due to "age factor". "He will continue to be in the party and support the candidate," he said.

MLA's aide takes 'bribe', video viral

ENS @ Belagavi

A video footage, purportedly of a close associate of a BJP MLA from Belagavi district allegedly accepting lakhs of rupees as bribe "commission" from a person in connection with a tender for a government work, went viral on social media on Monday.

The footage shows commission money allegedly being given to the MLA's associate. The associate also reveals the bribe money fixed for various works in the MLA's constituency to the person who approached him on behalf of a private contractor.

This video has put the BJP in a spot. Congress leaders in the past had targeted the BJP government over some ministers and MLAs allegedly demanding 40% commission for clearing the bills of contractors who had executed various government projects. The footage shows the MLA's associate allegedly accepting money from the unidentified person and keeping it inside an Innova car. The associate is heard demanding Rs 1,000 or Rs 2,000 for the legislator's personal assistant. The person is heard saying that he had no more money and that he will pay Rs 1,000 to the personal assistant at the work site tomorrow.

Supporters of Yogeesh Babu, a ticket contender, raise slogans demanding the ticket for him in front of Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee office in Bengaluru on Monday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

Gopalakrishna rejoins Congress, likely to get Molakalmuru ticket

High drama at KPCC office

There was high-voltage drama outside the Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee office in Bengaluru as supporters of Yogeesh Babu, who was defeated in Molakalmuru in 2018, protested against Gopalakrishna joining the party, and being promised the party ticket. "He is my boy whom I had groomed and made ZP member, I am not bothered about his oppo-sition," said Gopalakrishna. Shivakumar promised that Babu would also be accommodated, and given responsibility.

Kudligi MLA NY Gopalakrishna joins the Congress in the presence of party leader Siddaramaiah and DK Shivakumar, in Bengaluru on Monday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

SENIOR BJP leader and Kudligi MLA N Y Gopalakrishna, who resigned from his assembly membership, joined the Congress on Monday. The ST Nayaka leader is likely to contest the assembly polls from Molakalmuru constituency as the Congress nominee.

For Gopalakrishna, it is a homecoming. The six-time MLA won five times on a Congress ticket from his hometown Molakalmuru, and Ballari constituencies. In 2018, he switched to the BJP and won from Kudligi, while Transport Minister B Sriramulu contested from Molakalmuru. This time, Sriramulu will move to Ballari Rural, and rebel Thippeswamy who was reinducted into the BJP, will contest from Molakalmuru. Taking this as an advantage, Gopalakrishna (70) joined the Congress, with the assurance that he would get the party ticket. "My family members and supporters wanted me back in Molakalmuru, as the Congress nominee," reasoned Gopalakrishna.

"There is a Congress wave in the constituency, with the backing of Ahinda communities -- minorities, backward classes and Dalits," said B Jayanna, a staunch supporter from Hanumanthanahalli village.

Gopalakrishna joins the trend of ruling BJP and JDS legislators joining the Grand Old Party. "Many former and sitting MLAs — from Bidar to Chamarajanagar — are joining the party. More are knocking at the door, but I won't reveal anything until I receive their applications. It's not possible to give positions to all who join the party, we are dealing with it carefully," said KPCC president D K Shivakumar. He claimed the trend was testimony that the people are in favour of the Congress.

Quota: CM has opened a can of worms, says DKS

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

STATE Congress president DK Shivakumar on Monday alleged that Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai was responsible for communities fighting each other over the issue of reservation as the latter has opened a can of worms that has caused chaos in Karnataka.

He was replying to Bommai's charges that the Congress is behind the ongoing protests by different communities over the issue of quota across the state.

"We are not causing any riots. All this is a self-inflicted crime committed by the Chief Minister. Did the Vokkaligas and Lingayats ask the government to scrap the quota for Muslims and give it to them? The communities have asked for a hike in quota proportionate to their population.The BJP government is creating confusion ahead of elections," the Kanakapura MLA alleged.

"The government has taken an oath to abide by the Constitution and protect all sections... but now it is trying to take away the rights of a section of the people. The Congress is committed to protecting the interests of all," he said.

He said that the State Government has done injustice to even Brahmins and Jains by including the minorities under the Economically Weaker Section (EWS) quota.

Meanwhile, Kunchatiga Vokkaliga community religious head Sri Nanjavadutha expressed his reservation on the quota set aside for Vokkaligas.

"The hike in quota is inadequate and we do not want to appear as to be eating into the quota meant for another community," the seer was quoted as saying at a public event in Mandya. The Congress asked the government to react to the seer's remark.

POLITICAL THEATRE

Now, Rahul's Kolar rally likely on April 10

BENGALURU: Congress president Rahul Gandhi's Jai Bharat Rally, which was to be held in Kolar on April 9, is likely to be postponed to April 10. "Rahul Gandhi has to appear before a court following which the AICC will take a call on the rally as to whether to hold it on April 9 or April 10," KPCC chief DK Shivakumar told reporters.

Despite model code, PAs, OSDs of some ministers continue to use official cars

BANSY KALAPPA @ Bengaluru

THE Model Code of Conduct has been in force since Wednesday. While Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai and his ministers returned their official vehicles and many staying in government guest houses moved out soon after the elections were announced, many assistants, officers on special duty and personal assistants of ministers have not done so.

They continue to use official vehicles, despite the stringent model code being in force. This is because the vehicles are not directly from the government, but assigned to them from boards and corporations, providing them a legal loophole, sources said.

Chief Electoral Officer Manoj Kumar Meena was categorical when he said, "They cannot use such vehicles. I will inform the chief secretary about it." Chief Secretary Vandita Sharma, after being informed about the violations, said, "We've already circulated instructions to the offices of all ministers. We'll check and take necessary action."

A source working at Vidhana Soudha said private assistants working with certain ministers continued to use some 20 official vehicles through Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

KPCC president DK Shivakumar said, "The Election Commission and officials should ensure that vehicles are not misused and the model code is followed in letter and spirit. Officials should carry out checks and take action against those who are misusing vehicles since Wednesday." JDS senior leader HD Kumaraswamy said, "How can it be allowed? Officials have to be alert and ensure that such violations do not occur. This has to be stopped immediately." Former chief secretary A Ravindra said, "It should be exposed, so that it can be stopped."

Only BJP top brass will finalise the alliance and state leaders do not have decision-making powers, AIADMK general secretary Edappadi K Palaniswami said on Monday. This comes after TN BJP chief K Annamalai said the alliance will be decided at the time of LS polls

APCID grills Ramoji Rao for more than 8 hours

Second round of questioning on April 6; Rao mostly questioned on financial irregularities in chit fund company

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Vijayawada

IN a major development in the alleged Margadarsi Chit Fund Pvt limited scam (MCFPL), Andhra Pradesh Crime Investigation Department (APCID) officials questioned MCFPL chairman and media baron Cherukuri **Ramoji Rao** at his residence in Jubilee hills, Hyderabad, on Monday.

Four teams of CID, comprising of around 20 officials, headed by SP Amit Bardar questioned Ramoji Rao for more than eight hours and recorded his statement.

CID officials served notices last Monday in which they asked the prime accused Ramoji Rao and his daughter-in-law Cherukuri Sailaja suitable time for investigation.

Based on the reply from Ramoji Rao, CID officials visited the latter's house on Monday and second round of questioning will be held on April 6 where the investigation officers will question Sailaja, the managing director of Margadarsi.

Later, addressing the media, Amit Bardar said the prime accused in the case Ramoji Rao told officials that he was sick but after medical checkup, it came to

light that he is trying to evade questioning. "However, on doctor's clearance, we proceeded with questioning," he said.

The SP said Rao was questioned mostly on the financial irregularities noticed in the Margadarsi Chit Fund Pvt Ltd based on the information obtained from the chartered accountant Kudaravalli Shravan, who was arrested recently.

"Ramoji Rao was questioned pertaining to one case registered against him in connection with the multi -crore scam. As many as seven cases registered against Ramoji Rao, his daughter-in-law Sailaja and foremen of MCFPL based on a complaints from various district assistant registrars of Stamps and Registration department. In his statement, Shravan confessed that he had certified annual financial statements without verifying branch level statements and not followed due process of auditing," the SP Bardar explained.

It is also learnt that CID officials sought an explanation on why the cheque power was not given to foreman, which is an violation of Chit Funds Act.

"Ramoji Rao was asked if he and and MD Sailaja are agreeing to have committed the violation intentionally. But, he gave evasive answers to most of the questions in a non-cooperative manner," said the sources in CID.

They further said incriminating evidence and documents related to Margadarsi were seized.

Kalakshetra Director (L) Revathi Ramachandran and Deputy Director Padmavathi at the office of the State Commission For Women in Chennai on Monday | EXPRESS

Kalakshetra faculty held after three days

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Chennai

THE Chennai city police arrested assistant professor Hari Padman, a faculty at Kalakshetra Foundation, on charges of sexually harassing a former student at the institution. This comes three days after a case was registered.

On April 2, a team of city police had gone to Kerala to record the statements of witnesses in the sexual harassment case against Hari, police added.

Hari was booked under IPC sections 354A (sexual harassment), 509 (use of words, gestures or acts intended to insult the modesty of a woman) and section 4 of Women Harassment Act. He was arrested from a house in Madhavaram, said the police.

Police sources said that Hari was sending obscene messages and comments to her through social media. The victim had also mentioned that the faculty harassed her while she was studying and she had to discontinue because of him. However, the accused kept harassing her for years even after she left the institution, said a senior police officer.

The complaint was given to the police by Friday evening and the police, after seeking legal expertise, registered a case the same night. He was produced before the magistrate in Saidapet Court on Monday evening.

Foresters ready to make PM visit roaring success

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

WITH Prime Minister Narendra Modi's scheduled visit to the Bandipur Tiger Reserve on April 9, forest department staffers are also gearing up to ensure that the foreign delegates return with wonderful memories of the "tiger state".

All three tiger reserves around Mysuru – Bandipur, Nagarahole and BRT are under close watch. Additional precautions include keeping a tab on the anti-poaching activities, better roads, regular examination of the camera traps, and noting wildlife sightings in the areas.

Unlike in Mudhumalai, roads will not be tarred in Karnataka as the model code of conduct is in force. Forest department officials said the roads have been tarred much earlier.

In some areas it was done in early March after the department was alerted about the PM's visit, while in other places it was completed in January and February.

"Only potholes have been repaired. We do not want the PM and the delegates to return with a back pain," said a forest department official.

Modi will visit Bandipur for a safari, but the delegates from 11 countries and other states will visit the other reserves. With their visit planned over three days from May 9-11, the delegates can choose their location. Mysuru zoo visit and taking a tour of the heritage city are part of their plan. "For the first time, Karnataka will be hosting such a mega event. So, the hospitality and the safari experience should be the best."

CHARIOT PULL

Devotees throng Mylapore to watch the Kapaleeswarar temple car festival in Chennai on Monday | P JAWAHAR

Kerehalli demanded ₹2L from victim

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THE alleged incident took place in the early hours of Saturday. Mandya resident Pasha's body was found hours after he, along with Irfan (37) and driver Syed Zaheer (40), was allegedly waylaid by Kerehalli and his associates around 12.30 am on Saturday near Santemala Circle while transporting around 15 cattle in a vehicle.

Sensing danger, Pasha and Irfan escaped. Zaheer was caught and allegedly assaulted. Kerehalli is alleged to have demanded ₹2 lakh and threatened to finish him off if he didn't pay them.

Although Zaheer tried to explain to Kerehalli and four others that the cattle were purchased and were being taken to Krishnagiri in Tamil Nadu for sale, the accused allegedly assaulted him. The police rushed to the spot and took both parties to the station, where Kerehalli lodged a complaint against them for illegal transport of cattle. A counter-complaint was also filed against Kerehalli.

On Saturday morning, Pasha's body was found a few hundred metres away from the police station. The body bore marks of torture. It is yet to be ascertained whether Kerehalli and his associates had chased Pasha after waylaying the vehicle carrying cattle.

Pasha's family members staged a protest in front of the police station demanding the immediate arrest of the alleged killers. The police have booked Kerehalli and four others for murder.

Pay ₹25L compensation to Pasha's kin, says DKS

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

DEMANDING the resignation of Home Minister Araga Jnanendra, KPCC president **DK Shivakumar** on Monday also held Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai responsible for the murder of a trader Idrees Pasha allegedly by cow vigilantes in Sathanur on Sunday. He also demanded that the government give Rs 25 lakh as compensation to the next of kin of the victim.

"Chief minister and home minister have encouraged moral policing in the state. The accused should be arrested even if he is close to BJP leaders. Although the trader had a receipt for the purchase of cattle in a fair, the accused demanded Rs 2 lakh from him and eventually killed him," he alleged.

"Since Sathanur is in my constituency, Kanakapura I did not respond until the police filed an FIR and our leaders there kept us informed about the incident," he said.

"The Sathanur incident is an eye-opener which shows that law and order in Karnataka has hit nadir during the BJP dispensation. Religion-based politics, killing in the name of moral policing are just a tip of the iceberg," he tweeted.

"The people of Karnataka will show them the door on May 10 to end misgovernance. Home Minister @JnanendraAraga must take responsibility for the ghastly incident and resign," he demanded.

Five years since lynching, Madhu case verdict today

Palakkad: Five years after a tribal youth was lynched by a crowd in Mukkali, Palakkad, the judgment in the Madhu case will be pronounced by a Mannarkad Special Court on Tuesday. Arguments and hearings were completed on March 10. There was speculation that the verdict would be delivered on March 18 and then 30. However, District Special Judge K M Ratheesh Kumar posted the case to April 4 citing more time to study the voluminous case file, which runs into 4,500 pages. It was on February 22, 2018, that 27-year-old Madhu, of Chindakki tribal hamlet, in Attappady, was dragged from his cave in the forests and made to walk four kilometres to Mukkali on the charge that he was stealing provisions from nearby shops. There were 16 accused in the case. There were initially 122 witnesses. Later, when the hearing began the number of witnesses increased to 129. The trial began on April 28, 2022. **ENS**

Switch hit: Disgruntled TS netas await K'taka result

IREDDY SRINIVAS REDDY
@Hyderabad

DISGRUNTLED elements in mainstream parties in Telangana are waiting for the outcome of the Karnataka elections results to make up their minds as to which party they should join.

As BJP and Congress are locked in a keen fight, leaders of both parties who are unahppy with their bosses, are keeping their fingers crossed. Both BJP and Congress hope to pull off a sensational victory in Karnataka.

Several of the leaders who joined the BJP after the 2018 Assembly election are unhappy and want to take a hard look at the options before them. They are maintaining relations with Congress in case the grand old party shows signs of winning the election in the neighbouring state.

On the other hand, the Congress leaders, disappointed with state leadership, also wonder if pastures are green in BJP. They may continue in Congress if it wins the elections and if not, they are ready to take a leap of faith into the BJP.

Some Congress leaders have already struck a deal with the BJP and are just waiting for an official assurance to them that they would be fielded in the next Assembly elections.

On the other hand, in some constituencies, those who are aspiring party tickets in BRS are uneasy about those who had defected from other parties into theirs. If they do not get a party nomination, they might think of joining either the BJP or the Congress depending on which way the wind is blowing.

Sources stated that the 10 to 12 leaders including former legislators are discussing with their close associates and followers on who will win the Karnataka elections. The sources said that the leaders informed their cadre to wait for Karnataka election results so that they can take an informed decision.

Both BJP and Congress party state leaders are expecting Karnataka results would be in their favour.

INDIAN OTTER SPOTTED AT MALYADI BIRD SANCTUARY

PRAKASH SAMAGA @Udupi

THE sighting of an Indian otter in the wetlands of Malyadi bird sanctuary in Kundapura taluk of Udupi district has elicited excitement among environmentalists and public. Locally called as the 'Neeru Naayi', quite a few of them have made their appearance in the sanctuary in the recent months.

In the past, the sanctuary had witnessed the arrival of various species of birds like egrets, crested larks, little cormorants, spot-billed duck, common coot, combed duck, and Eurasian teal. However, experts may have to study if otters are a threat to the birds and if they disturb the bird haven which is an abandoned clay quarry that is spread across 1.5 sq km. Residents have assured that the otters only feed on fish and cause no harm to birds.

The Indian otter that was sighted at Malyadi Bird Sanctuary by photographer-cum-blogger Ganesh GP

For a bird watcher or even a curious tourist, the Malyadi bird sanctuary is just a five-minute drive from Thekkatte (NH 66). An early morning visit between September and January (the breeding period) can be a feast to the eyes, with birds swooping down to catch fishes and many others flying in and out of the vicinity.

Prabhakar Kulal, Range Forest Officer who worked in Kundapura six months ago told *TNIE* that the Indian otter used to be sighted earlier in groups of 8-10 in the backwaters of the Souparnika river in places like Anagalli, Vandse, Hemmady among other places. "Clubbing together Byndoor and Kundapura taluk, there are about 40 to 50 Indian otters... but they not been reported to be found in any other parts of Udupi district. Indian otters are protected under the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972," he said. Sources said that the Indian Otter was first sighted in Kundapura taluk in 2021. Last year it was sighted near Anejari, Kollur, and in Varahi river in Halnadu village.

Sustainability accomplishments: Silver for Biocon

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BIOPHARMACEUTICALS company Biocon on Monday announced that it has been awarded a silver medal by EcoVadis for its continued commitment to improving sustainability across business operations in Biocon and Biocon Biologics.

The silver medal puts Biocon in the top 25 per cent of the 40,000 companies assessed by EcoVadis in 2022. Biocon, including Biocon Biologics, received a score of 66 on EcoVadis' 2022 scorecard.

Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw, Executive Chairperson, Biocon and Biocon Biologics, said, "The Silver Medal from EcoVadis highlights Biocon's continuous progress and commitment towards excellence in Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) practices. ESG is at the core of our business purpose and responsibility." For 2022, Biocon bettered its score in all the four EcoVadis themes – Environment (70), Labor & Human Rights (70), Ethics (60) and Sustainable Procurement (60) for the year 2022.

EXPRESS READ

Paper leakage: SIT quizzes TSPSC chief

HYDERABAD : Probing the question paper leakage, the SIT questioned Telangana State Public Service Commission (TSPSC) chairman B Janaradhan Reddy on Monday. The SIT has already interrogated multiple TSPSC staffers and their family. According to sources, although the TSPSC chief was not summoned for questioning, he was asked similar questions to those posed to the senior staffers earlier.

SEEING RED

'Paan'ishment: Chewer made to clean bus stop floor

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IN a lesson to those who lack civic sense, the general public at the Kumta bus stand made a paan-chewing passenger clean the platform after he spat on it.

The incident occurred on Sunday, when a person travelling in a bus to Karwar splattered the platform with paan-filled spittle.

Those who were standing on the platform got furious and gave him a dressing down, asking him whether that was a place to spit.

A passenger asked him, "How can you be so uncivilised?" While another came up with the idea that the paan-chewer should be made to clean the spot.

Before the perpetrator could react, everyone assembled there demanded that he should wipe the place with the cloth he had.

Just then, the bus started honking, signalling that it was about to leave. Giving this as an excuse, and refusing to give out his name, the paan-chewer said it was time for him to go. But others were adamant, "Where will the bus go? We will stop it. Get a piece of cloth and clean it."

The cornered man then got down from the bus, brought out a piece of cloth and water and cleaned the paan stain on the floor all by himself.

The entire incident, recorded on a mobile phone, has gone viral.

EDITORIAL

"The point of modernity is to live a life without illusions while not becoming disillusioned" — Antonio Gramsci

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— Ramnath Goenka

NEW BOSS EPS HAS A HERCULEAN TASK TO REBUILD AIADMK

The power struggle in the All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (AIADMK), the main opposition party in Tamil Nadu, has nearly ended, as Edappadi K Palaniswami, popularly called EPS, took charge as its new general secretary. It is curtains down—well almost—for the drama that unfolded as a result of the leadership feud between the two rival leaders—EPS and former CM, O Panneerselvam. The Madras High Court verdict has put the final nail in the dual leadership structure by which EPS and OPS share power. The legal process may continue for some more time, but the chances of overturning the HC order are slim. No doubt, the verdict was a blow to OPS, who fought the move to abolish dual leadership. And it has certainly breathed fresh life into the party apparatus by putting EPS firmly in the saddle.

The Dravidian party, once headed by MG Ramachandran and J Jayalalithaa, two mass leaders who didn't bother to nurture a second line of leadership, was rudderless after the defeat in the Assembly elections in 2021. Ever since MK Stalin took the reins of the government two years ago, the opposition party has failed to effectively raise people's demands and issues. The AIADMK lost its foundational strength right after Jayalalithaa's demise in December 2016. Neither OPS nor EPS got a chance to prove their mettle as a leader who could hold the party together till the Assembly polls.

As the ground support swells for EPS, two other figures—VK Sasikala and TTV Dhinakaran—who once wielded immense power but were expelled by AIADMK, have been reduced to leaders without a mass following. While the BJP struggles to get a firm footing in the state, the AIADMK can easily reclaim the space of the main opposition party. Active opposition is a vital part of the democratic framework. The revival of AIADMK can do a lot of good for Tamil Nadu's distinct polity.

Nevertheless, it is going to be a long road ahead for EPS. His priority is strengthening the party's rank and file, and he has announced a mega membership drive starting April 5. The move assumes significance as the ruling DMK is also launching a massive membership drive to enrol one crore new members in two months. EPS has a Herculean task ahead of preparing the party for the 2024 general elections.

'GO BACK ANDHRA' NEW TWIST TO BORDER ROW

On April 1, Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan did a Yusuf Meherally of sorts. The former socialist leader and mayor of Bombay gained fame for his 'Simon Go Back' cry to oppose the all-British parliamentary commission in 1928; Pradhan let out the 'Go Back Andhra' slogan against neighbouring Andhra Pradesh for its ingress into Odisha's territory. Kotia, a cluster of 21 villages in the Koraput district, is embroiled in a territorial jurisdiction row between the two states. The matter is now within the Supreme Court's purview. With the Union minister asking Andhra Pradesh police officials to leave Kotia when Odisha was commemorating its statehood day, the issue triggered a string of political reactions. Andhra Pradesh's deputy chief minister, P Rajanna Dora, sought an apology from Pradhan. Both the ruling Biju Janata Dal (BJD) and the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) also unleashed a war of words.

The saffron party's state unit expectedly threw its weight behind the Union minister, whereas state revenue minister and senior BJD leader Pramila Mallick put the ball back in the NDA government's court, seeking its intervention. The truth is that Pradhan's slogan would do little to end the row. Both states can wait for the apex court's order or hold bilateral talks to sort it out. Under such circumstances, questions of the constitutional appropriateness of the Union minister taking such a stand would be raised. Besides, he had written to chief ministers of both states in the past to resolve the matter mutually.

However, Pradhan seems to have got what he wished for—political traction over the issue. With the 2024 elections not far away, both BJD and BJP are out to outsmart the other. South Odisha—much of the undivided Koraput district, to be particular—has turned into a large electoral landscape for BJD in the last 20 years after slipping away from the Congress' clutches.

BJP currently has just two MLAs against the ruling party's 10 in four districts, and that's where it would want to enhance its presence. While the national party pushes its tribal outreach programme, it has to combat a vigilant BJD government which is on overdrive, announcing a slew of development projects in tribal-dominated pockets. Perception plays a crucial role in politics and requires the right optics, which the Naveen Patnaik-led BJD is smart at. Pradhan's 'Go Back Andhra' must have been aimed at that.

QUICK TAKE

GUIDANCE FOR AI IN MEDICARE

India launches AI oversight in healthcare. The Indian Council of Medical Research has developed guidelines for using AI in healthcare and biomedical research. Medical diagnostics and therapeutics depend on human intervention. So, it is essential to limit the use of AI for ancillary activities until the users are confident of its application in clinical decision-making. The guidelines specify the care needed for using AI. But ethics, accountability and liability of AI users must be simultaneously fixed. The challenge with AI, which has the potential to develop itself at high speeds, is to ensure algorithmic transparency and reject bias and discrimination.

The international community should remain concerned about the Sino-Indian border and the unjustified threats that China perceives from India's rising international status

CONFLICT ZONES AND THE EMERGING WORLD ORDER

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Lots of people today talk and discuss the new world order. It is a subject on which there is little clarity as today's order is in disarray and what is emerging is steeped in uncertainty. For any discussion we must have a basic definition to go by because the term 'world order' is itself contentious. One simple definition in the Oxford Languages Dictionary explains world order as "a system controlling events in the world, especially a set of arrangements established internationally for preserving global political stability". What it fails to say is that the system is formalised to a very low degree, remains more often in freewheeling mode and is ever dynamic.

Nothing exemplifies that better than the dynamic world order which emerged after the Cold War. There are numerous domains which contribute to the making of the informal world order; these many times contribute to the hierarchical order among nations and include economics, energy, technology, health and pharma, education, and research and development.

However, the most contentious of contributing factors is the spectre of ongoing international conflicts at any time. Conflict dynamics have the most severe impact on the world order, which in turn affect all protocols for peace and cooperation. It leads to a breakdown of the geopolitical order as evident in some of the sessions of the G20 deliberations.

Where does this explanation place us today in terms of the search for a stable world order? Covid-19 had a war effect on national economies. But more dangerous than that are currently a number of international conflict zones, some active and some potentially active. It is the outcome or the status of these at any time that will decide intervals of peace and stability. There is also the threat of a potential return of global terror which goes beyond boundaries. All this needs analysis.

Currently, four main international conflict zones exist, although sub-conflicts also abound. These are East Europe (Ukraine-Russia), Middle East (Iran-Saudi Arabia, Israel-Palestine), South Asia (India-Pak and Sino-Indian) and the Indo Pacific (US-China). These are all interconnected, and big powers can ignore the dynamics of any only at their peril. While the Middle East conflicts are the longest lasting and their potential to influence the order is also based on the threat to resources and international sea lanes, in the last one year, the comparative degree of significance among conflicts lies in East Europe. The Ukraine war has complicated things, resulting in a new Cold War between the US-led West and Russia. It was anticipated that such a situation would emerge between the US and China at a later stage, with Russia a comparatively muted spectator. The East European conflict has altered things.

The signs were ominous since 2014 when Russia invaded Crimea and commenced its hybrid war in the Donbas region in Ukraine. The US then was too involved with Afghanistan, and the ISIS (Daesh) phenomenon was at its peak in the Middle East, demanding the attention of big powers. Gross miscalculations by the West led to it losing the advantage it gained by withdrawing from Afghanistan. The long-standing strategy of containing Russia after the end of the Cold War (1989) was taken to the extreme, which not only dented Russian pride but became an existential threat to it. This conflict now exists as a virtually interminable one. A ceasefire without any territorial effect will be inconsequential but it will remain dynamic in intensity. For the US and its unipolar strategic approach, the next focus after Afghanistan and the Middle East was to be on the Indo Pacific. That focus has had to shift, which itself alters the dynamics of the informal order. The shift has afforded space to China to make inroads into regions of intense US interest.

It's the Middle East where China has been attempting its foray and has finally made a dent with the brokering of the Iran-Saudi deal. It's more for its own energy interests. Yet, it achieves a double by drawing US concern, which sees its Abraham Accords and the Israel-Saudi partnership under threat with a possible resurgence of the Palestinian-Israel conflict. The complexities here are beyond the binaries of US-China competition.

There is the South Asian conflict zone to contend with. While the India-Pakistan conflict brings the spectre of nuclear threats to the fore, the region is quiet and less afflicted by a direct conflict between the two. The potential, however, remains high and is directly connected to the status of sponsored proxy hybrid war, with terrorism as the prime component. The region has a huge potential for spawning another global terrorist campaign, with the core centre yet lying in Afghanistan's spaces under occupation by various terror organisations. Pakistan's unstable status involves almost all parameters—financial, governance deficit, social deficiencies, political instability and military predominance. It is a tailor-made formula for the triggering of the next cycle of global terror. Yet, the area is devoid of international attention.

The international community is and should remain concerned about the Sino-Indian border and the unjustified threats that China perceives from India's rising international status. It is at the LAC that China wishes to keep India pegged, hoping that this will prevent it from any surging ambition to be an essential member of the US strategic groupings. Through this, it also hopes to neutralise India being a maritime threat in the Indian Ocean where it has an obvious advantage.

The Ukraine conflict, the dynamics of the Indo-Pacific region, the Sino-Indian standoff in the high Himalayas, and to an extent even the sub-conventional threats from South Asia—all confer India with the status of a virtual swing power. Its support is required by the powers in Ukraine. In the Indo-Pacific, China wants it subdued by pressure of potential conflict in the Himalayas. The US wants it as a strategic partner both to handle the region west of the Straits of Malacca and in the outreach to Southeast and East Asia to deny Chinese influence.

All the above brings to the international strategic environment a status of intense complexity. There appears little possibility of any of these situations diluting or resolving. The US withdrawal from Afghanistan exemplifies how in the end of a conflict lies potential for another, somewhere else and with even greater intensity. It's only when nations lower their ambitions and create more mutual trust that a durable world order can emerge. That could be considerable utopian thought.

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QUOTA CAULDRON GIVES OFF POLITICAL HEAT IN KARNATAKA

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The protests against the newly announced reservation policy by the BJP government in Karnataka threaten to spread across the state even as parties are weighing the fallout of the same on them in the assembly elections scheduled for May 10.

Violence was witnessed in Shikaripura in Shivamogga district—from where former CM and Lingayat strongman B S Yediyurappa was elected eight times—during a procession against internal reservation for Scheduled Castes by the Banjara community. Banjaras and three other SC sub-groups have started an indefinite agitation against internal reservation, part of the new policy.

Along with this, another trouble for the Basavaraj Bommai government is from the Muslims (11–13% of the state population), whose 4% quota has been scrapped. Since the new policy was announced on March 24, the state has been seeing protests in Bengaluru, Koppal, Raichur and a couple of other places, and there is fear that this too may spread statewide.

The Bommai government, in October last year, increased the quota for SCs by 2%, taking it from 15 to 17%, and for STs from 3 to 7%. Last week, the government unveiled a new policy by removing the quota for Muslims—which they exclusively enjoyed—and gave 2% to Lingayats, taking their reservation to 7%, and the remaining 2% to the Vokkaligas, taking it to 6%. The policy shifted Muslims to the EWS (economically weaker section) category, clubbing them with Brahmins, Jains and others. The defence of Bommai over this has been that reservation to Muslims is not part of the Constitution and that Ambedkar himself was against providing quotas based on religion. In any case, he says, they are eligible for quota under EWS, which has a reservation of 10%.

Karnataka, thanks to the Mysore maharajas, had been a forerunner in providing reservations to those in need. As far back as 1918, the maharaja set up the Millers Commission, which recommended the inclusion of Muslims among backward classes. After Independence, some of the backward classes commissions made similar proposals. The Muslims were given reservations in 1994. This and the Muslim quota in seven other states, including Kerala and Tamil Nadu, continue.

However, the move by the then-united Andhra Pradesh of late Y S Rajasekhara Reddy, according reservation to the Muslims, was questioned in the Supreme Court, which struck it down.

As regards internal reservation for the SCs, this may be akin to opening a Pandora's Box if the protests lead to a statewide movement. Let us look at what led to this:

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The SCs, who account for around 20% of Karnataka's population of about 6.7 crore and have 101 sub-castes, are divided into four categories. They, according to SC leaders, include SC Left (30 sub-sects, an estimated 33–34 lakh population), SC Right (48 sub-sects, 31–32 lakh population), Touchables (4 communities, 20 lakh population), and Other Communities (19 sub-sects, nearly 19 lakh population).

The Touchables group consists of sub-sects such as Banjara, Bhovi, Koracha and Korama, which are up in arms against the government. They fear that due to internal reservation, the government will throw them out of the SC category, and they will be deprived of the benefits. Fearing large-scale fallout, Bommai has been trying to pacify them and has said the quota for the Touchables would be fully protected and that they need not fear anything. There are 51 seats in the assembly reserved for SCs and STs.

That brings us to the other change in the reservation policy—increasing the quota for Lingayats and Vokkaligas, the two most powerful communities. The former, core support base of the BJP, and the latter, majorly backing JD(S) and Congress. The two communities are happy with the policy. Bommai should be relieved that the Panchamasalis, the most influential sub-sect among the Lingayats, who are about 60% of the caste population and are up in arms against the government, have announced that they would support the new policy. They were demanding separate reservations for them.

What next? For the policy to become a law, there is a lengthy process. The decision has to pass the test of law. The tasks before Bommai are two-fold: Immediately take steps to contain the fallout of protests. Any violence would be a setback to the ruling party. Two, he has to impress upon the BJP government at the Centre to ensure that the new policy is included in the Ninth Schedule to ensure protection and taken out of the purview of the courts.

For that, the Centre must bring the proposal to Parliament and pass it in Rajya Sabha and Lok Sabha with a two-thirds majority, as it must be a constitutional amendment. Can the Union government bring it before Parliament during the current session, which ends on April 6? An unlikely scenario.

Secondly, as regards protests by the Banjaras and others, the BJP government cannot do much. Now that the model code of conduct has kicked in, the party can only promise that the policy will continue if BJP comes to power again.

However, as regards the political fallout of the scrapping of quota for Muslims, BJP may not worry much since Muslims are, in any case, not the core vote bank of the party. Separately, both issues may be questioned before the courts. Some organisations have already stated this openly. In this case, it is going to be a prolonged legal battle.

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Legend remembered

Apropos of *Rare talent, Durani's swashbuckling innings comes to an end* (Apr 3) and *Indian cricket's real superstar Durani passes away* (Apr 3). Salim Durani was a great entertainer besides being humble. During those days, he earned a lot of appreciation from not only commentators but also spectators for his entertaining innings that comprised at least one sixer. I request the BCCI to look after such veteran cricketers.
H S Gopalakrishnacharya, email

Durani's persona

If the word 'flamboyance' sits perfectly well on any Indian cricketer's shoulder, it was Durani's. He was the heartthrob of millions of cricket fans in an era of no TV; such was the magnitude of his passion, style and persona. Not many cricketers can claim to hit sixes on demand, but Durani was one such gem.
Bal Govind, Noida

Lanka's debt

I agree with Dilrukshi Handunnetti's *Sri Lanka's debt crisis very much a governance crisis* (Apr 3). The Sri Lankan leadership is undermining the judiciary by summoning judges to its Parliament and not taking steps to conduct the provincial elections in April. Many feel that the leadership wants military and police protection from the agitating public. Wickremesinghe, to turn the country around, should focus on governance issues.
James Arputharaj Williams, Bengaluru

Trump's pros

Apropos of *Trump's indictment a double-edged sword for global order* (Apr 3). While Trump is viewed as a white supremacist or narcissist globally, his poll promise America for Americans received acclaim among unemployed whites and catapulted him to power. Trump withdrew forces from Afghanistan, saving soldiers. He took care of Americans' interests, which is undeniable.
R Sridharan, Chennai

Hidden treasures

Apropos of *The healing raga's lesson for us.* (Apr 3). Lovely lyrical spiritual composition; transported to outer space. How many treasures are hidden in this unique essay! Thank you for teaching so many things.
Laxmi Subrahmanyam, email

Raga Shankarabharanam

Renuka Narayanan has made it quite obvious through an interesting episode that each *raga* has a distinct personality of its own and that no one can own a *raga* or lease it. The *raga* could not be monopololised by any individual like Narasaiyer.
G Nataraja Perumal, Tenkasi

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TWEETS OF THE DAY

Prashant Bhushan @pbhushanl
It is illegal for police to arrest or question printers of posters saying 'Modi hatao Desh bachao'. Delhi Police has become a lawless instrument of Modi govt

Mallikarjun Kharge @kharge
We honour the legacy of Kamaladevi Chattopadhyay, freedom fighter & activist behind renaissance of Indian handicrafts, handlooms and theatre

Yogi Adityanath @myogiadityanath
Humble tribute to Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, the flag bearer of Sanatan culture, wonderful strategist, great army leader, on his death anniversary!

'Social media platforms should compensate content creators'

National Film Development Corporation of India and Prasar Bharati are working on a plan to develop an OTT platform, says I&B Secretary Apurva Chandra

STRESSING that the content on social media is mostly derived that from newspapers and other local sources, I&B Secretary **Apurva Chandra** reiterated original content producers should be compensated for this. In an exclusive interview with **Parvez Sultan**, he also unveiled the government's elaborate plans for the entertainment and media sector, particulary Animation, Visual Effects, Gaming and Comics subsegment where talent is available in abundance. Excerpts:

Verbatim

On a couple of occasions, you had suggested that social media platforms, generating revenue from news content, should share proceeds with content producers/news agencies. Can this become reality in India?
This arrangement exists in Australia and also in some other countries, including Canada and the European Union. We need to think how this can be executed in our country. This is certainly needed. But how could this be done, whether through enactment of a law or competition law, this aspect needs to be examined.

Why is it needed?
Content on social media is from newspapers or some other sources, which are the content producers. Some aggregators are just exhibiting the content. Nowadays, consumption of news is mostly on the internet and print-run of newspapers and magazines is reducing. Therefore content producers should get proper financial benefit of this trend. If content production is not good, quality (of content) will deteriorate in the future.

Will there be an OTT platform of Prasar Bharati in near future?
The National Film Development Corporation of India (NFDC) and the Prasar Bharati have 'thoughts' on this. Work is being done. Let's see how it progresses. An OTT platform needs technical and market support also. Prasar Bharati has content. But content should be interesting; viewers should watch. At present, Prasar Bharati doesn't have any platform where it could telecast old programmes, except Youtube and for that OTT is needed.

When will streaming of high-quality entertainment content or films on mobile phones without data consumption become reality?
Prasar Bharati did an experiment with Indian Institutes of Technology (IIT), Kanpur. That is technically successful. Content can be seen on mobile directly without the internet. To take it further, transmitters on cellular towers and chips in mobile phones are required. People, who will provide these services, will need to work with Prasar Bharati. Technically it is proven; discussions are going on about this.

You have said that the media and entertainment (E&M) sector will help grow the Indian economy. What are the specific plans to boost the sector?
The Entertainment and Media (E&M) sector at present in India is nearly $25 million. It is expected to reach $70-75 billion by 2030 as the growth rate in the country is about 7 per cent. The E&M sector's growth is about 10-11 per cent.

More scope is in one of the sub-sectors, which is Animation, Visual Effects, Gaming and Comics (AVCG). We have sufficient technologically qualified manpower in this field. Today, animation and visual effects of big Hollywood productions are being done in India. Games are also created here in good numbers. Considering the extent of this sector, the government last year set up an AVCG promotion task force, which has submitted its recommendations. We are working on those recommendations to promote AVCG.

We also have proposed setting up the National Centre of Excellence (NCOE) for the AVGC sector to help it become an international reference point across skilling, education, industry development, research and innovation. It will start this year.

The other aspect in the E&M sector is films and web series. We are looking at how we can streamline film shooting in India and how we can attract International film-makers to conduct film shoots here? In this regard, last year an incentive scheme was launched for foreign production houses which are shot in India or their post production work is done here. With this (incentivising international projects), we are expecting that business will grow.

States are also giving similar incentives. Incentives being offered by the states and the Central government jointly become an attractive proposition that could fetch more work or opportunities to India.

The Film Facilitation Office (FFO) portal is also being improved so that people making films face minimum hassle. Channels should have good quality content and for that we have been facilitating them. We have set up a broadcast Seva portal so that whatever permission they require, they can get them swiftly.

How many suggestions the ministry received on AVCG policy? When can it be finalised?
AVCG promotion task force had industry representatives. The task force report was prepared in collaboration with industry people. Main task force had sub-task forces headed by concerned secretaries like skill development and education secretaries with industry stakeholders. We received some suggestions which were put in the public domain. Suggestions are not in large numbers because we had already roped in industry people and consulted them. After consultation with other ministries and on getting approval from the finance ministry, we will have to take it for Cabinet approval. This process takes 3-4 months.

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> Apurva Chandra
> I&B Secretary

For the Centre for Excellence, we want to work in association with the industry and take the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) and the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry as partners.

What is the idea behind 'Model Theatre Policy'?
We want to facilitate the setting up of theatres. Theatres are also like any other establishments for which certain permissions are required from local administration to police etc. Our objective is to facilitate all those permissions.

The ministry would like to promote the 'moving and mini theatre' concept. They have limited capacity — 50-100 seaters — and are developed with lesser investment. We will not give them any incentives but want to facilitate them. If one wants to set up a mini theatre, he should get all requisite approvals at the earliest. The idea is to promote industry.

PM tells CBI: Make country graft-free

AMIT MUKHERJEE @New Delhi

STATING that the once powerful individuals who are being pulled up and investigated for corruption are trying to malign the enforcement agencies by casting doubts and aspersions on their credibility, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday said that organisations like the CBI should fearlessly continue with its task of freeing the country from corruption as it has been hampering democracy and development.

Speaking on the occasion of an event organised by the central probe agency to commemorate its diamond jubilee celebrations, the Prime Minister said that, "the primary task of the central probe agency is to free India from corruption as that is what the country and its people want. "Corruption is not an ordinary crime, it snatches the rights of the poor, and is the biggest obstacle in the path of justice and democracy", the PM asserted.

"Corruption in the government system is the biggest huddle in democracy and the first casualty are the youth whose dreams get massacred," he said adding that "a corrupt ecosystem is the biggest enemy of talent as it promotes nepotism and begets a dynastic system and it tightens its baneful noose around the system erodes the nation's strength and obstructs development."

Citing the attempts by certain sections to try and malign the CBI, the Prime Minister said that the agency should continue to focus on its investigations and ensure that "no corrupt person is spared."

Prime Minister Narendra Modi addresses the diamond jubilee celebrations of CBI, in New Delhi on Monday | SHEKHAR YADAV

Lauding the efforts and the actions of the agency, the Prime Minister said "Today there is no dearth of political will to take action against corruption in the country." He asked officers to take action without hesitation against the corrupt, however powerful they may be. "There should be no laxity in actions against the corrupt, this is the wish of the nation, this is the wish of the countrymen, the country, law and constitution are with you", the Prime Minister added.

Stating that corruption had become an integral part of the system till a decade back. He recalled bringing transparency in the processes of issuing government contracts and tenders and also highlighted the difference in 2G and 5G spectrum allocations.

Lauding the efforts and credibility enjoyed by India's premier over its 60 years journey the PM said the CBI has earned its credibility. "Whenever there is an incident of serious crime there is a demand to handover the case to CBI," the PM said.

Also, citing institutionalised corrupt practices of the past the PM said that the corrupt would go to an extent of looting the aid sent out to beneficiaries of government schemes.

Be it rations, homes, scholarships, pensions or any other government scheme, the Prime Minister said, the original beneficiary would feel conned every single time.

"Even a Prime Minister once said, for every rupee sent out to the poor, only 15 paise reaches them," Modi said.

Giving the example of Direct Benefit transfer, the Prime Minister said that the government has so far transferred 27 lakh crores to the poor and also pointed out that based on the one rupee 15paise theory, 16 lakh crores would have already disappeared.

The Prime Minister remarked that beneficiaries are getting their full entitlement with the trinity of Jan Dhan, Aadhaar, and Mobile where more than 8 crore fake beneficiaries have been removed from the system.

Attempts to malign CBI, says Modi

Citing the attempts by certain sections to try and malign the CBI, the Prime Minister said that the agency should continue to focus on its investigations and ensure that "no corrupt person is spared." Lauding the efforts and the actions of the agency, the Prime Minister said "Today there is no dearth of political will to take action against corruption in the country." He asked officers to take action without hesitation against the corrupt, however powerful they may be. "There should be no laxity in actions against the corrupt, this is the wish of the nation and constitution are with you," the Prime Minister added

Fresh flashpoint: New China map has 11 places of Arunachal

YESHI SELI @New Delhi

ONE step forward and two steps back seem to be the norm in Indo-China relations. On Sunday, China released a map that contains 11 names of various places in the Indian state of Arunachal Pradesh.

The new map released by China depicts these 11 places as parts of Southern Tibet- which China refers to as Zangnan. It also includes an area close to the capital Itanagar. The appended list released by China included names in Mandarin, Tibetan and Pinyin (English transliteration) of the 11 places along with the exact Latitude and Longitude coordinates.

This time, the Chinese have included five mountain peaks, two residential areas, two land areas and two rivers. It's another matter that China lacks locus standi in any of these locations.

This is the third time that China has highlighted such a list attempting to rename places calling them 'standardised geographical names'.

The Indian Ministry of External Affairs didn't respond to requests for a comment on the announcement from Beijing, but has rejected similar renaming and standardization attempts in the past.

"Arunachal Pradesh has always been, and will always be an integral part of India. Assigning invented names to places in Arunachal Pradesh does not alter this fact," spokesperson Arindam Bagchi had said in 2021.

In 2017 and 2021, the Chinese Foreign Ministry had stated that that China's territorial claims in the so-called "Zangnan region" had a "historical and administrative basis".

In 2017, the Chinese Ministry of Civilian Affairs had published a similar renamed list of six places and 15 places in 2021. Importantly, the first renamed list was published in the same year when India and China clashed in Doklam, which also followed the visit of the Dalai Lama to Arunachal Pradesh.

The second list and the previous one came after standoff between the Indian Army and PLA forces began in April 2020 along the LAC.

The April 2 announcement comes ahead of a visit to India this month by China's newly appointed Defence minister General Li Shangfu, who is expected to attend the SCO Defence Minister's meetings, and a visit by Chinese Foreign Minister Qin Gang, who will attend the SCO Foreign Minister's Meeting in May in Goa.

New Delhi has, multiple times previously, dismissed the Chinese move to rename places in its border territories.

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POWER CORRIDOR

AAI GOT ₹3.2K CR FROM 6 LEASED OUT AIRPORTS

The Central government on Monday informed the Rajya Sabha that the state-owned Airports Authority of India (AAI) has received a total amount of ₹3,245 crore till February this year from the private partners of Ahmedabad, Jaipur, Lucknow, Guwahati, Thiruvananthapuram and Mangaluru airport. Union minister VKSingh informed the RS: "Private partners of Ahmedabad, Jaipur, Lucknow, Guwahati, Thiruvananthapuram and Mangaluru airports have paid approximately ₹896 crore to AAI as Per Passenger Fee (PPF) till February 2023. The AAI has also received an amount of approximately ₹2,349 crore from the private partners of these six airports in the form of upfront fee towards the capital expenditure incurred by AAI at these airports" Airports at Ahmedabad, Lucknow and Mangaluru were leased out in 2020 while the remaining three were leased out in 2021.

'GOVT AWARE OF PRIVACY OF DRONE USE'

The government in Rajya Sabha on Monday informed that the it is well aware of the question of privacy in relation to the use of drones for the purpose of research, development and testing purposes. Informing the Upper House in a written reply, Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia said the use of drones for the purpose of research, development and testing will not breach privacy. "Such use of drone remains restricted to concerned institutions and locations within the control," he said, adding that the government has waived the requirements of type certificate, unique identification number, prior permission and remote pilot licence for operating unmanned aircraft systems for such purposes. "This provision adequately covers all offences including breach of privacy covered under the relevant laws including the Information Technology Act, 2000 that has provisions for punishment for violation of privacy. Further, Indian Penal Code (IPC) also has provisions to penalize privacy-related offences.

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'MOST STUDENT SUICIDES IN CENTRAL VARSITIES'

As many as 15 students died by suicide this year, with nine cases reported from Central Universities alone, the Lok Sabha was informed Monday. The Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) and National Institutes of Technology (NITs) reported three cases each this year. From 2018 to 2023, 103 students in these higher educational institutes in India have taken the extreme step. In 2018 and 2019, 20 students died each by suicide. In 2020, the number dipped to 13 and dropped to 10 in 2021. In 2022, 25 students died by suicide, while the maximum number of cases of nine were reported from IITs. This was followed by seven from NITs, five from central universities and three from the prestigious AIIMS.

Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla | PTI

GATEWAY OF INDIA FACELIFT ON TRACK

The Gateway of India in Mumbai has developed cracks however the structure is in a 'good state of preservation', Union Culture Minister G Kishan Reddy informed Lok Sabha on Monday. The Maharashtra government has already approved a restoration proposal for the iconic heritage site overlooking the Arabian oceans, added the minister. "The Gateway of India, Mumbai is not a centrally protected monument. It is under the protection of the, Government of Maharashtra," Reddy stated.

PARLIAMENT PROCEEDINGS ADJOURNED TILL WEDNESDAY

Lok Sabha proceedings were adjourned for the day on Monday after opposition parties staged a protest over the Adani issue. The House will reconvene on Wednesday, with Tuesday being a holiday on account of Mahavir Jayanti. Earlier, the House was adjourned till 2 pm after obituary references to incumbent MP Girish Bapat and former MP Innocent, who passed away recently. Rajya Sabha proceedings were adjourned for the day on Monday after passing the Competition (Amendment) Bill, 2023 without discussion amid uproar over the Adani issue. Soon after the Upper House reassembled at 2 pm, Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar greeted the members on the occasion of Rajya Sabha Day.

161.34 SQ KM OF TOTAL LAND AVAILABLE WITH ASI

The total land available with the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) is 161.34 sq km according to the Government Land Information System, the Parliament was informed on Monday. Union Minister for Culture G Kishan Reddy said this in a response in Lok Sabha. "ASI has 161.19 sq km land available around the Centrally Protected Monuments/Sites and 0.15 sq km of office building/staff quarters belonging to 39 Circles/ Mini-Circle of the ASI," he said.

ED ARRESTED 374, INCLUDING CORPORATE DIRECTORS, IN 5 YRS

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) arrested 374 people, including directors of corporate firms, in the last five years under the anti-money laundering law, the government informed Parliament on Monday. Minister of State for Finance Pankaj Chaudhary, in a written reply to a question in the Lok Sabha, said that in major cases of "corporate fraud" like those against the Vijay Mallya, Nirav Modi and Mehul Choksi, the ED has attached properties worth ₹33,862.20 crore.

E-COMMERCE CASE

Police seized seven swords in Jalna district of Maharashtra and the investigation revealed that they were ordered from an e-commerce vendor, an official said on Monday, adding three persons were arrested.

7 TRAPPED IN ELEVATOR AT BOMBAY HC BUILDING, RESCUED

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	34	22	Mumbai	34	25
Bhopal	29	18	Panaji	29	23
Jaipur	29	18	Patna	31	20
Amritsar	26	14	Lucknow	28	19
Chennai	32	26	Port Blair	32	25
Kolkata	30	22	Imphal	25	13
Srinagar	16	07	Chandigarh	24	16

Tension continues in Bengal over Ram Navami violence

Child rights body flags videos of kids throwing stones in Howrah clashes

PRONAB MONDAL @Kolkata

Section 144 imposed in disturbed areas of Hooghly | EXPRESS

TENSION gripped Rishra area in Hooghly where violence between two communities spread on Sunday evening during another Ram Navami procession. BJP's state president Sukanta Majumdar, who was on his way to Rishra, was intercepted and police did not allow him to proceed. In protest, BJP supporters put up a roadblock on bustling GT Road for over three hours.

"Mujamdar was not allowed to visit the trouble-torn area as Section 144 has been clamped in the area," said police.

"The ruling Trinamool Congress s misusing the police to meet their purpose. The men in uniform stood mute spectators and now they are resisting us," said Majumdar.

Chief minister Mamata Banerjee accused the BJP of creating unrest in Bengal. "Ram Navami is over five days ago. But they are still taking out processions in the name of the event only to create unrest in the state," she said. She asked 'Hindu brothers' to protect minorities and claimed that there are plans afoot for another round of violence in the state on Thursday when the nation celebrates Hanuman Jayanti.

A total of 12 persons were arrested in connection with the violence in Rishra. Personnel of Rapid Action Force (RAF) were deployed in the area. Police made announcement using public address system asking people not to come out of their home without any emergency reasons. Meanwhile, the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights claimed to have come across video footages in which children were seen being used in stone-pelting in Shibpur, Howrah, during a Ram Navami procession.

The Commission said it has taken suo-moto cognizance and asked the commissioner of police to take action against the perpetrators and identify the children so counselling may be done. The Howrah police have been asked to submit an action taken report within two days. "The Commission has come across a twitter post where it has come to the notice of the Commission that during Ram Navami Sobha Yatra in Howrah's Shibpur area, the mob turns violence and the children are seen to be used in stone pelting in the violence activities by anti-social elements.

The Commission has taken suo-moto cognizance of the matter as prime facie, the use of children in such violent activities by anti-social elements seems to be violation of Section 83(2) of Juvenile Justice Act, 2015, and other relevant sections of IPC," the letter written to the police commissioner by Priyank Kanoongo read.

Idol vandalised in J'khand, net suspended

MUKESH RANJAN @ Ranchi

AMID growing communal tension after idol of Lord Hanuman was allegedly vandalised at Patel Chowk in Sahibganj on Monday, internet services have temporarily been suspended for at least 24 hours. As the news spread, a large number of people gathered in the area and blocked National Highway 80 demanding arrest of those responsible for it.

An official mass text message received on mobile phones of Sahinganj residents at around 12:30 pm on Monday stated that "as per government instructions, internet services have been stopped in your area till further notice". Deputy Commissioner Ramniwas Yadav confirmed saying 'suspension of internet service will reduce spread of hate message disturbing the communal harmony of the district". The decision has been taken as a precautionary measure, he added. The idol, which was about one-and-a-half feet high, has been re-established. Earlier on Saturday, six people were injured in a stone-pelting incident during Ram Navmi procession.

Grand alliance says will stop 'BJP bid to disturb communal harmony'

RAMASHANKAR @ Patna

SITUATION in Bihar's Sasaram and Biharsharif towns remained volatile for the fourth consecutive day on Monday even as the Assembly witnessed acrimonious scenes over the government's "failure to ensure normalcy in affected areas".

The government is keeping a close vigil on 'sanghi' attempt to disturb communal harmony. BJP is desperate in states where it is weak.

Tejashwi Yadav, Deputy CM

Amid the tense situation in violence-hit areas, the verbal duel between main Opposition and ruling grand alliance escalated.

A day after the Union Home Minister Amit Shah blamed the Nitish Kumar government for communal flare-ups in Bihar, the ruling grand alliance denounced the BJP and the RSS and asserted that the state government would take stern action against "trouble-makers".

RJD leader and deputy chief minister Tejashwi Yadav in a tweet said, "The Bihar government is keeping a close vigil on 'sanghi' attempt to disturb communal harmony. BJP is desperate in states where it is weak. Sternest possible action is being taken by identifying each and every trouble maker. We have always given a befitting reply to the BJP's experiment intended at driving a wedge between two communities and will continue to do so."

JD(U) national president Lalan Singh sarcastically said that Shah should make Rajbhavan his permanent dwelling till 2024 Lok Sabha polls. He said that people would give a befitting answer to saffron party in 2024 Lok Sabha election.

"BJP's tally in poll results of general election to be held next year will be zero. The saffron party will not be able to open its account in election. It will be routed from Bihar as people of the state are very conscious," he added.

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BJP to corner Soren Govt on recruitment

For the first time in the last three years of JMM led alliance rule in Jharkhand, BJP will be staging an agitation against Hemant Soren government on April 11 over unemployment, corruption and 'deteriorating' law and order in the state. As per BJP functionaries, workers from 32,000 villages of the state will respond to the 'Ranchi Chalo' slogan and stage a massive stir in front of the state Secretariat. They claimed that public anger is rising over the ruling party's unfulfilled poll promise of 2019 to generate employment, while the state is knee-deep in corruption and financial irregularities.

Rural secretariats to be equipped with internet

To ensure that the rural pockets of the state work seamlessly through benefits of the services and schemes run by the state government, all 4,345 Panchayat Secretariats will be equipped with internet and ATM in Jharkhand. As per government sources, paved roads and a common service centre are among the other few amenities along with an Indian Postal Bank branch which will be made available to each and every Panchayat Secretariats in the State. According to officials, a blueprint has already been prepared for the same, saying that the initiative will improve villagers' standard of living.

Lone tiger sighted in PTR goes missing

The tiger, which was sighted after a gap of three years on March 17 in Palamu Tiger Reserve (PTR), has gone missing as it has neither been sighted manually not recorded in the trap cameras installed in the region to track the animal. According to forest officials, they have no clue where it has gone and no instance of any killing has been found in the region. The tiger was last seen climbing the hillocks located on the borders of north division of PTR and Latehar three days back. There is a possibility that the tiger might be resting there. The tiger allegedly attacked three persons injuring them in PTR area during the last days of its stay in Jharkhand.

6TH SCHEDULE

Centre olive branch to end Ladakh impasse

FAYAZ WANI @Srinagar

IN a major development to end the impasse in Ladakh Union Territory, the central government has reached out to Ladakh bodies — Leh Apex Body (LAB) and Kargil Democratic Alliance (KDA) — and sought from them specific provisions they want in 6th Schedule for the cold desert.

Cherring Dorjay Lakruk, an executive member of LAB, told this newspaper that the LAB chief and former MP Ladakh Thupstan Chhewang received a communication from central government in which they have sought specifics of the provisions for 6th Schedule that the two bodies want for Ladakh.

LAB and KDA, an amalgam of trade unions, social, political and religious, students groups, have joined hands to jointly spearhead a campaign for grant of 6th Schedule status, statehood with legislature, creation of two Lok Sabha seats and reservation of jobs to locals. "The KDA leaders are in Jammu and once they return to Ladakh, we will meet hopefully by the weekend and unanimously decide on provisions to safeguard our identity and our land," Dorjay said.

Nripendra Mishra son may be nominated for UP legislative council

NAMITA BAJPAI @Lucknow

THE Yogi Adityanath government is believed to have sent the names of AMU Vice-Chancellor Prof Tariq Mansoor and Saket Mishra, the son of senior ex-IAS officer and chairperson of the construction committee of Ram temple trust, Nripendra Mishra, as part of the proposal of six names to Governor Anandiben Patel to nominate to the UP legislative council.

Half a dozen seats have been lying vacant in UP Vidhan Parishad since April-May last year. While there was no official word from the state government, it is also learnt to have proposed the name of BJP's former Braj region president Rajnikant Maheswari and BJP's Varanasi district president Hansraj Vishwakarma for the state's Upper House.

Amongst the rest two, the state government has suggested the name of Lalji Prasad Nirmal, who heads UP SC/ST Finance and Development Corporation, and Ram Surat Rajbhar, an advocate and a BJP functionary from Gorakhpur, sources said. The members on all the six seats have to be nominated by the State Governor.

Thus, the proposed list of candidates to be nominated includes a Brahmin, a Vaishya, two OBCs, a Dalit and a Muslim in an attempt to strike a balance among various sections with an eye on the fast approaching urban local bodies elections and subsequent Lok Sabha elections due next year.

Prof Tariq Mansoor is a top medical professional who has also been a member of the Medical Council of India. He has also been in the Board of Governors of the Indian Institute of Management, Lucknow, and the Governing Body of the Maulana Azad Education Foundation and the National Monitoring Committee for Minorities Education.

Finally, Indore civic body razes illegal construction of temple

ANURAAG SINGH @ Bhopal

Rescue teams had swung into action to save devotees on Friday| PTI

THE Indore Municipal Corporation (IMC) embarked on a demolition drive on Monday against encroachments at a park in the Sneh Nagar locality of Indore, the country's cleanest city, which reportedly contributed to the temple tragedy which left 36 devotees dead and 17 injured while attending a Ram Navami pooja.

It was at this park where the roof of a bavdi (step-well) inside the Beleshwar Mahadev Jhoolelal Temple premises had caved in on Thursday, killing the devotees.

According to local residents, Sneh Nagar Garden was one of the biggest parks in the city till a few decades back, where a multi-purpose recreational centre for kids was slated to come up in the late 1980s. But continuous encroachments there by people with political patronage saw multiple illegal structures coming up there.

Despite repeated complaints to the IMC to remove the encroachments, it merely issued notices to the culprits in 2022 and January 2023, the residents had alleged after the tragedy unfolded on Thursday.

They also alleged that local BJP MP Shankar Lalwani was backing the office bearers of the trust managing the private temple, two of whom have been booked by city police for culpable homicide not amounting to murder, but have not yet arrested.

Meanwhile, alleging that an ancient temple was demolished by the IMC in the name of removing encroachments, the Bajrang Dal's Indore convener Tannu Sharma – who, incidentally, was booked for making abusive remarks against Prophet Muhammad a few weeks back – has called for a public protest against the move on Tuesday.

It was not just the Sneh Nagar Garden from where the IMC removed the encroachments on Monday. The drive was also undertaken against encroachments on wells/step-wells at Dhakkan Wala Kuan, Sukhlia and Qila Road Gadra Khedi.

The IMC also issued notices to ensure removal of similar encroachments at other water bodies, including wells and step-wells at 18 other places in at least 12 municipal zones of the city.

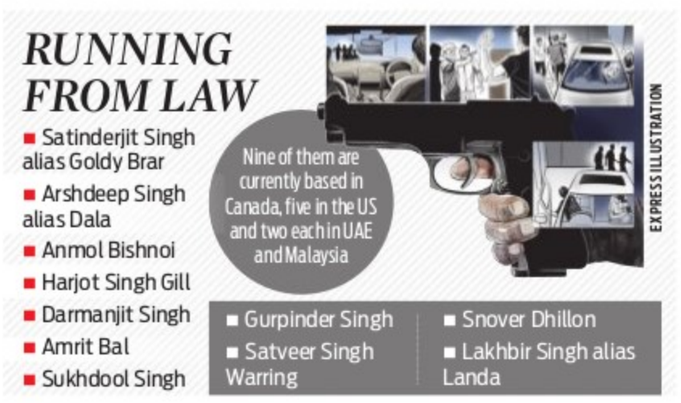
On Friday, MP CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan had ordered a state-wide drive to remove encroachments from water bodies, particularly wells and step-wells, and punish those found responsible for open bore-wells anywhere in the state.

Hall of shame: MHA says 25 of 28 gangsters living abroad from Punjab

HARPREET BAJWA @Chandigarh

THE Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has prepared a list of 28 gangsters of Indian origin based in foreign countries who are wanted for cases of terrorism, murder, extortion, kidnapping etc. Nine of them are currently based in Canada, five in the US and two each in UAE and Malaysia.

Interestingly, 25 of them belong to Punjab while the rest are of Punjabi origin but hail from Rajasthan and Maharashtra. The number one on the list is Satinderjit Singh alias Goldy Brar who allegedly masterminded the killing of Punjabi pop singer Sidhu Moosewala last year along with jailed gangster Lawrence Bishnoi. Brar is suspected to be in the US. He also has links with Babbar Khalsa International (BKI) terrorist Lakhbir Singh alias Landa who is accused in the RPG attacks at the intelligence headquarters of Punjab Police at Mohali and at Sarhali Police in Tarn Taran. The National Investigation Agency (NIA) had announced a cash reward of Rs 15 lakh for information leading to the arrest of Landa, who is suspected to be in Canada.



Another notorious gangster, Sachin Thapan alias Sachin Bishnoi, also accused in the murder case of Moosewala, is suspected to be in Azerbaijan. He had first fled to Nepal from where he went to Dubai and to Azerbaijan, said sources.

Anmol Bishnoi, also high on the list of the probe agencies, is suspected to be in the US. He was charge sheeted by the NIA for unleashing terror and carrying out targeted killings of film stars, singers, well-known social and religious leader.

Another gangster, Gaurav Patyal alias Lucky Patyal, who is considered the main conspirator in the killing of Youth Akali Dal leader Vicky Middukhera is in Armenia.

Ambulance for cattle, other animals in MP

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bhopal

WITH the Madhya Pradesh year-end polls only six months away, the BJP government continues to announce and bank on welfare initiatives.

Close on the heels of a wide array of announcements for women and youth, chief minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan informed on Monday about the state recently started an ambulance for cows, cattle and other animals in the state.

"One ambulance each is being run in every development block of the state, in which arrangements for a doctor and compounder have also been made. 407 animal ambulances have arrived in the state. He appealed to people to dial the number 1962 for availing this service to serve cattle and other animals," he added. He also informed the gathering about the buy and consume facility at liquor shop premises having been shut down from April 1.

Pride of UP: Banarasi Langda, paan among 10 products to get GI tag

NAMITA BAJPAI @Lucknow

BANARASI Langda (mango), Banarasi Paan and Ramnagar Bhanta (brinjal) figure among the 10 products from Uttar Pradesh that have won the tag of geographical indication. The state has now a total of 45 GI-tagged products, of which 21 belong to the Varanasi.

After being awarded the GI certification, Banarasi Langada (mango), famous for its sweetness, will be reaching the international market.

Varanasi's handloom and handicraft goods are already GI-tagged. About a month ago, Adamchini Chawal (rice) of Chandauli, adjacent to Varanasi, was awarded the GI certification. According to the GI Registry - Chennai, 33 products from across the country were granted GI certification on a single day on March 31. Among them, 10 belonged to UP, including the three from Varanasi.

The GI Registry so far has awarded GI tag to 441 Indian products and 34 foreign goods. Varanasi's GI crusader Rajni Kant, expressed his gratitude to PM Narendra Modi for taking keen interest in promoting the GI products of his Parliamentary constituency.

He claimed that around 20 lakh people are engaged in the production of all GI goods of Varanasi and eastern UP, yielding an annual turnover of about ₹25,500 crore. As per the GI Registry, the 10 newly certified goods from UP include Aligarh Tala, Bakharia Brassware, Banda Shazar Patthar Craft, Nagina Wood Craft, Pratapgarh Aonla and Hathras Hing.

Rajnikant also credited the Yogi government's 'One District One Product' scheme for getting the GI tag. "Of the 11 products tagged with GI this year, seven are the ODOP products while four are the agricultural produces.

International market worthy

10 UP goods, which got GI tag on March 31

- Aligarh Tala
- Bakharia Brassware
- Banda Shazar Patthar Craft
- Nagina Wood Craft
- Pratapgarh Aonla
- Hathras Hing
- Banaras Langda Aam
- Ramnagar Bhanta
- Banaras Pan
- Muzaffarnagar Gur (jaggery)

Handlooms are already labelled with GI

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killed in shooting in the parking lot of a hookah lounge in the US state of North Carolina, police said

GLOBAL WEATHER

LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • SW: Snow • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	19	11	TDS	Los Angeles	17	8	LC
Colombo	30	25	LC	Melbourne	23	10	HR
Dhaka	33	24	TDS	Moscow	13	6	HR
Dubai	25	21	SNY	New York	15	11	LC
Houston	32	23	SNY	Singapore	29	26	TDS
Istanbul	18	11	LC	Toronto	13	4	LC
London	12	1	LC	Washington	22	13	LC

CAFE BLAST

Kremlin blames Kyiv for death of pro-Putin blogger

MOSCOW

RUSSIA alleged on Monday the "terrorist attack" that killed a top military blogger the day before was orchestrated by Ukraine with the help of supporters of jailed Kremlin critic Alexei Navalny.

Russian investigators detained 26-year-old Darya Trepova, who was said to have links to Navalny, and posted a video in which she is heard saying she brought to the cafe a statuette rigged with an explosive device. Ukraine has blamed Russia's domestic infighting for the blast in a Saint Petersburg cafe that wounded dozens and killed Vladlen Tatarsky, an active promoter of the Ukraine offensive.

"The terrorist attack was planned by Ukrainian security services with the help of agents working with the so-called Anti-Corruption Foundation," Russia's anti-terror committee said, referring to Navalny's banned organisation.

Darya Trepova

A spokeswoman for Navalny's foundation rejected the accusation. "Alexei will soon be on trial for extremism. He is facing 35 years. The Kremlin thought: It's great to be able to add the terrorism charge," Kira Yarmysh said.

Russian state-run news agency RIA Novosti reported Trepova had been arrested for 10 days for taking part in a protest on February 25, 2022, a day after the launch of the offensive in Ukraine. The Russian interior ministry published a video of Trepova admitting to bringing a statuette that exploded.

Asked on camera who gave it to her, she said she would answer "later". Tatarsky was reportedly killed after receiving a gift statuette rigged with an explosive device during a talk at "Street Food Bar No 1", located along the Neva river not far from the historic city centre. "They put (the figurine) somewhere in the back without a second thought... and all of a sudden there was an explosion," Alisa Smotrova, who was at the cafe, told AFP.

The police were called at around 6:13 pm (1513 GMT) on Sunday and cordoned off the street outside the building. Around 20 police cars, six ambulances, and several fire engines were at the scene, according to an AFP journalist there.

Tatarsky built his reputation early in the Ukraine offensive by publishing videos analysing the situation on the ground and offering advice for mobilised troops. *AFP*

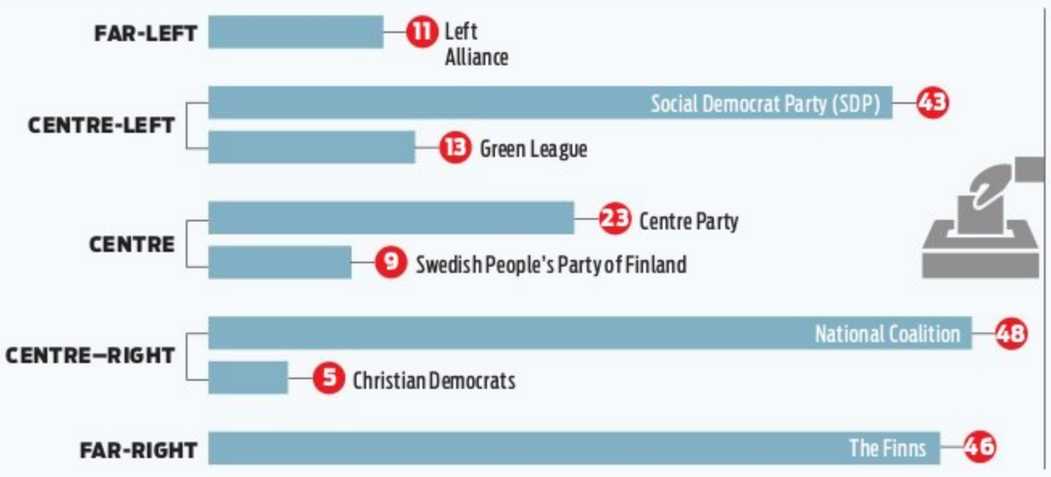
Wagner raises Russian flag in Bakhmut

Moscow: Russia's Wagner paramilitary group on Monday claimed it had captured the city hall in Ukraine's eastern town of Bakhmut, giving it "legal" control, but Kyiv said its forces still held the town. Wagner head Yevgeny Prigozhin posted a video on his Telegram channel showing him holding a Russian flag, which he said his forces would plant on Bakhmut's city hall

RIGHT TURN

WITH 99% OF VOTES COUNTED IN FINLAND, THE CENTRE-RIGHT AS WON 48 OF THE 200 SEATS IN PARLIAMENT, THE FAR-RIGHT WON 46 AND THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATS 43 SEATS

Riikka Purra, the leader of far-right Finns Party that won record 46 seats



ORPO'S DILEMMA

National Coalition Party. leader Petteri Orpo has two options: A coalition across the political divide with Sanna Marin's SDP, or a right-wing government with the Finns Party

But Orpo's party is at odds with SDP on budget austerity. His party is also at odds with the Finns on immigration, the EU and climate policy

World's youngest PM ousted from power

Sanna Marin's party finishes third in closely-watched Finland poll; Centre-right leader Petteri Orpo claims victory

HELSINKI

FINLAND'S centre-right leader Petteri Orpo claimed victory in Sunday's general election, with the far-right Finns Party in second place ahead of Prime Minister Sanna Marin's Social Democrats in third.

"This was a great victory," Orpo, the 53-year-old head of the conservative National Coalition Party, told his supporters, adding: "On the basis of this election result... we will start negotiating a government in Finland."

The biggest party in parliament traditionally gets the first chance to build a government, and since the 1990s that party has always claimed the prime minister's office.

Conceding defeat, Marin said: "Congratulations to the winner of the elections, congratulations to the (conservative) National Coalition Party, congratulations to the (far-right) Finns Party. Democracy has spoken."

After basking in the spotlight of European politics, 37-year-old Marin failed to turn her exceptional popularity into enough seats in parliament for her Social Democratic Party (SDP). The SDP fell to third place with 43 seats, behind the conservative National Coalition with 48 and the far-right with 46.

With his calm demeanor, sober suits and an insistence on budget austerity, conservative leader Orpo might not appear the most exciting prospect on Finland's political landscape.

Throughout the election campaign, he has kept his eye firmly focused on the country's finances — something he claimed Marin had neglected. His election — and attention to budgetary rigour — could spark some concern in Brussels, with Finland already one of the "frugal" EU countries.

For the second straight election, the anti-immigration Finns Party competed for first place, clinching a record 46 seats in the 200-seat parliament.While other parties see immigration as an answer to Finland's ageing population, the Finns Party has campaigned for a hard line on immigration, blaming recent arrivals for rising juvenile delinquency. *AFP*

The National Coalition party leader Petteri Orpo (center) celebrates at the party's parliament election party at the Ostrobotnia club in Helsinki, Finland | AP

SANNA MARIN

Finland to become 31st NATO member today

BRUSSELS

FINLAND flag will be hoisted outside NATO headquarters on Tuesday when it becomes the newest member of the Western alliance, Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg said on Monday.

"Tomorrow we will welcome Finland as the 31st member," Stoltenberg told reporters on the eve of a historic meeting of NATO foreign ministers in Brussels.

Russian President Vladimir Putin's all-out invasion of Ukraine last year upended European security and pushed Finland — and its neighbour Sweden — to drop decades of non-alignment and seek to join NATO's protective umbrella. Objections from Turkey and Hungary held up Helsinki's bid for months, and are still blocking Stockholm, before the parliament in Ankara cleared the final obstacle for Finland with a vote last week.

Completing the ratification in well under a year still makes this the fastest membership process in the alliance's recent history.

Now all that is left are the last highly choreographed formalities at NATO headquarters in Brussels.

Finland's foreign minister will hand over the formal accession papers to US Secretary of State Antony Blinken, the keeper of NATO's founding treaty, and the country's blue-and-white flag will be raised alongside those of its new allies. Russia said Monday it would boost its military presence in the west and northwest of the country in response to Finland joining NATO.

"We will strengthen our military potential in the western and northwestern direction," Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Alexander Grushko was quoted as saying by state news agency RIA Novosti. *AFP*

More evidence of obstruction by Trump in secret file probe

WASHINGTON

THE US Justice Department and the FBI have collected more evidence indicating possible obstruction by former US president Donald Trump of a probe into top secret documents found at his residence in Florida. Investigators found that Trump personnaly reviewed some of the documents in his Mar-a-Lago home after receiving a subpoena from the Justice Department, indicating desire to hold on to some of them, sources said. Meanwhile, Trump prepared to fly Monday to New York for his historic arraignment on criminal charges, taking the United States and the office of the presidency into uncharted and potentially volatile territory. The 76-year-old billionaire was indicted last week by a grand jury on a series of counts related to a hush-money payment made to an adult film star during the 2016 election campaign.

EXPRESS READ

Sunak sets up taskforce to go after Pak-origin UK paedophiles

LONDON : British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak on Monday vowed to do whatever it takes as he condemned the political correctness which has prevented action against 'vile' criminals behind the sexual abuse of children and young women and launched a new taskforce to go after such gangs. Sunak's announcement comes a day after his Home Secretary, Suella Braverman, said that the perpetrators of such crimes are "groups of men, almost all British Pakistani", but that authorities have turned a "blind eye to these signs of abuse out of political correctness, out of fear, of being called racists, out of fear, of being called bigoted". Asked about the ethnicity of the criminals during a visit to Rochdale one of the cities with a history of British Pakistani grooming gangs, Sunak told reporters: All forms of child sexual exploitation carried out by whoever are wrong.

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, the undersigned advocate on behalf of my clients **Sri Ramanjinappa .B and others** has filed the petition for death certificate of deceased **Basappa S/o Late. Ramanna expired on 26-10-2011** at Neraganahalli Village, Kundana Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District. If any of the parties who have objections or claims may dispute regarding the same could and same any other interested persons appear before the Principal Civil Judge and J.M.F.C at Devanahalli on **date of hearing on15/4/2023 at 11-00 AM in C.Mis No. 26/2023.**

By Order of the Court, Sd/- Chief Ministerial Officer
Civil Judge & JMFC Court, Devanahalli
Chikkegowda N. Advocate

PUBLIC NOTICE

I K.C. Pramod Mouli son of K.S. Chandramouleshwar, residing at #21, 3rd Cross, behind Vijaya Bank, Shivanandanagar, Nagarabhavi, Bangalore-72. would like to inform the general Public that the original Partition Deed dated 18-08-1990 executed by my grandfather Late K.V.Shivarudrappa in favour of my father and his other family members/legal heirs is missing and unable to find in spite of my best efforts. I have registered the FIR bearing Lost Report No.0518610/2023 dated 30/03/2023.

If anyone find it pls return it to the address mentioned above or contact me on mobile number 9880528492. The finder will be rewarded appropriately. From: K.C.Pramod Mouli.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that M/s Total Environment Building Systems Private Limited a company registered under the companies act, 1956 and existing as per companies act 2013 having its registered office at Imagine No.78 ITPL main road EPIP zone, Whitefield, Bangalore-560066, have obtained Environmental Clearance from Ministry of Environment and Forest for the proposed construction of residential building as detailed here.

Address of the property	MOEF Ref.No.
Sy.no 7/2, 6/1(P), 6/2(P), Gasthikempanahalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli-2, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru.	SEIAA 155 CON 2022 dated 31-03-2023

This Publication/Public Notice is issued in compliance of the requirement under the Clearance, as per the condition (Page No. 10)

M/s Total Environment Building Systems Private Ltd.
Suresh Bhandari,
Authorised Signatory

IN THE COURT OF THE XXI ADDITIONAL SMALL CAUSES JUDGE AND ACMM (SCCH 23) AT BANGALORE S.C.No.800/2022

Between: The Jammu and Kashmir Bank Limited, a Banking Comapany established under the J&K Companies Act, 1977 (Samvat), Having its registered Office at Moulana Azad Road, Srinagar, J&K and Branch office at No.2, First Floor, 80 Feet Road, Ganganagar, Near Police Station, Opposite H.M.T. Ground, R.T.Nagar Main Road, Bangalore-32. Represented by its Bank Manager and GPA Holder **Smt. Seema Koul,** .... **Plaintiff**

And

Mr. Hyder Nawaz and others .... **Defendants**

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT No.1 TO 3.

1) Mr. Hyder Nawaz, S/o. Samiulla, Aged Major, R/o. Flat No.401, No.526, SMC Villa Appartments, 1st Cross, M.G.Colony, Dollars Colony, Bangalore-560094.
2) Mr. Noorulla, S/o. Samiulla, Aged Major, R/o. 102, 5th 'A' Cross, 4th Main, Nagarabhavi, Bangalore-560072.
3) Mr. Amzad Pasha, S/o. M.G.Baba Sab, Aged Major, R/o. No.25, APMC Fruit Market Yard, Singasena Agrahar, Huskur Gate, Bangalore-560009.

Whereas, the Plaintiff Bank has filed the above money recovery suit against the Defendants for recovery of a sum of **Rs.84,781.31 (Rupees Eighty Four Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty One and paise Thirty One only)** along with Future interst @ 16.25% P.A. with monthly rests from the date of suit till the date of realization and costs of the suit.

Hence, you are hereby requested to appear before this Hon'ble Court in person or by an Advocate duly instructed or through some one authorized by law to act for you in this suit on **22.05.2023 at 11.00 A.M.** if you fail to appear on the fixed date the suit will be heard and decided in your absence. Given under my hand and seal of this Court this **20th day of March 2023.**

By Order of the Court
Sd/- Assistant Registrar,
Court of the Small Causes Judge, Bangalore
Address of the Adovcate
Sd/- R.Shailesh Kumar, M/s. Susheel Associates, Law Firm, F-1, First Floor, Harshita Arcade, No.138, 1st Main Road, Sheshadripuram, Bangalore-560020. Cell No.9845009771.

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank
(A Government Of India Undertaking)
Head Office: Bangalore

ARM Branch-1,2nd Floor
Circle Office, No.86, Spencer Tower,
M.G. Road Bengaluru-560001
PH: 080 25588642, E-mail: cb6298@canarabank.com

SALE NOTICE

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Properties under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged to the Secured Creditor, the Symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **ARM Branch-1, Bengaluru of the Canara Bank,** will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is",** and **"Whatever there is" on 21.04.2023 (10.30 AM to 11.00 AM),** for recovery of **Rs. 13,44,92,281.39** with further interest and cost thereon due to the **ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru of Canara Bank from 1. M/s Shree Sai Infratech** Door No.1-35, Madarajagudur, Kakupalli, Bit-II, Nellore Rural, SPSR Nellore District-524126, Andhra Pradesh. **2. M/s Shree Sai Infratech** No. 56, Sai Nagar Layout, Alanahalli village, Kasaba Hobli, Mysore-570014. **3. G Pardha Saradhi Naidu,** 18-1-46/J/12, Prashanti Nagar, Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh 517501. **4. Mr. I Venkateshwarulu** # 1 – 35, Madaraju Gudur, Kakupalli Bit-2, Nellore District, Andhra Pradesh-524126. **5. N Harish Kumar Reddy,** Flat No. 306, Satyanarayana Apartment, Putta Veedhi, Balaji Nagar, Nellore, Andhra Pradesh-524126. **6. Mrs. K Seeta,** W/o Ashok Kumar Kankanalapati, Lingam Padu Village, Doraivarisatram Mandal, Naidupet, Andhra Pradesh-524126. **7. Mrs. K Seeta,** W/o Ashok Kumar H No. 301, Sadguru Krupa apartments, 2nd Cross, A Sector, Amruthanagar, Bangalore-560092. **8. Mr. Kankanalapati Krishna Chaitnaya** S/o Ashok Kumar Kankanalapati Lingam Padu Village, Doraivarisatram Mandal, Naidupet, Andhra Pradesh-524126. **9. Mr. Kankanalapati Krishna Chaitnaya** H no. 301, Sadguru Krupa apartments, 2nd Cross, A Sector, Amruthanagar, Bangalore-560092.

The Reserve Price and Earnest Money Deposits details are as under & the Earnest Money Deposit shall be deposited on or before **20.04.2023 at 5.00 pm** by way of DD favouring Authorized Officer **Canara Bank ARM-1 Branch** or through online payment to **Account No.209272434 (IFSC CNRB0002366)** is as under.

(₹.In Lakhs)

Sl No	Description of the Immovable assets	Reserve Price	EMD	Incremental Value
1	Vacant Site No. 5, CMC Khatha No. 1821/4/34/1 formed out of converted lands in Sy. No. 34/1 vide official memorandum dated 06.11.2008 issued by the Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore under reference no. ALN/NAY/SR: 75/2006-07 situated at Amruthahalli village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk now within the limits of BBMP and bearing BBMP Khatha no. 1829/1821/4/34/1/8, Bengaluru – 560092 measuring East to West 70 feet and North to South 40 feet bounded by East: 30 ft. Road, West: Private Property, North: Site No: 4, South: Private Property.	Rs. 151.20	Rs. 15.12	Rs. 1.00

Known encumbrances, if any: Not to the knowledge of the Bank.
For detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer the link "E-Auction" provided in Canara Bank's website (**www.canarabank.com**) or may contact **Chief Manager, ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru, Canara Bank, Ph. No.9483532366 during office hours on any working day.**

Place: Bengaluru
Date :03.04.2023

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Canara Bank

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, the undersigned advocate on behalf of my clients **R. Rajanna and another** has filed the petition for death certificate of deceased **Munihanumankka W/o Ramaiah expired on 08-06-1998** at Bydrahalli Village, Kundana Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District. If any of the parties who have objections or claims may dispute regarding the same could and same any other interested persons appear before the IInd Additional CIVIL JUDGE and J.M.F.C at Devanahalli **on date of hearing on15/4/2023 at 11-00 AM in C.Mis No. 24/2023.**

By Order of the Court, Sd/- Chief Ministerial Officer
Civil Judge & JMFC Court, Devanahalli
Chikkegowda N. Advocate

PUBLIC NOTICE

I the undersigned advocate on behalf of my clients **Sri. R. Rajanna S/o Late Ramaiah,** aged about 54 years, R/at Bydrahalli village, kundana hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District., have filed the above petition for the death certificate of **Smt. Late Dalamma W/o late Muniyappa. who died on 10/12/1979** at Bydrahalli village, kundana hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District. If any parties who have objections may dispute regarding the same can appear the Hon'ble II Additional civil judge and JMFC at Devanahalli and the date of hearing **on 15/4/2023 at 11.00 A.M in C. Mis No.23/2023.**

By Order of the Court, Sd/- Chief Ministerial Officer
Civil Judge & JMFC Court, Devanahalli
Alfiya, M. Advocate

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed that my client intends to purchase all that piece and parcel of immoveable Property consisting of **Two bedroom Residential apartment bearing No B-9083, in Phase 1 of wing 8 and 9 measuring 1004.20 Sq. feet Area, on the 8th floor, with one Car Parking Space, together with right, title and undivided interest in the larger property in the residential Apartment complex called "Sobha Dream Gardens", built on the larger property measuring about 5 acres 10 guntas comprising of lands situated at Hagadur Village, Krishnarajpuram Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk bearing Sy No 50 bearing BBMP katha no:DA/KTR/48/1778 situated at Bellahalli village, Yelahanka hobli, Bangalore North Taluk** from its **present owners M/s Sobha Ltd (Formerly Sobha Developers Limited) represented by its authorized signatory Mr N.B. Ashok Kumar.** Any person/s having any claim or objections to the proposed purchase may write and call the undersigned **within 14 days** of the publication hereof along with supporting documentary evidence, failing which my client will proceed with the transaction and any claim received thereafter will not be entertained.

BENEDICT ANAND, Advocate
No. 31, 515 Army Colony, Thippasandra, Bangalore 560075, Mobile: 98450 43271

KERALA WATER AUTHORITY e-Tender Notice

Tender No : Second Re E Tender No: WRD/KWACE(SR)/TR/280/2022_26_1 / 1
First Re E Tender No WRD/KWACE (SR)/TR/6495/2022_26_1 / 1

Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM)-Phase III-WSS to Kanakkary, Mulakkulam and Njeezhoor Panchayath(Njeezhoor-Package 1)- Pipeline Work 2.Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM)-Phase IV - WSS to Kanakkary, Mulakkulam and Njeezhoor Panchayath (Mulakkulam Package 3)- Construction of 4 Lakh litre OHSR at Mattappallikkunnu , laying distribution lines and providing FHTCs in Mulakkulam PanchayathPackage 3)-Pipeline Work EMD : Rs. 2,00,000/- each, Tender fee : Rs. 11025+1985 each, Last Date for submitting Tender : 17-04-2023 03:00:pm Phone : 04812562745
Website : **www.kwa.kerala.gov.in, www.etenders.kerala.gov.in**
KWA-JB-GL-6-1-2023-24

Superintending Engineer, PH Circle,Kottayam

punjab national bank

Circle Office : SASTRA Department, No.26-27, Raheja Towers, (I Floor), M.G. Road, Bangalore-560001.
Tel No. 080-25095087. e-mail : cs8191@pnb.co.in

POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Property)

Whereas, the Authorized Officer of the **Punjab National Bank - Richmond Road (SOL: 020710)** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of Powers conferred under Section 13 read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued a demand notice dated **31.10.2022** calling upon **M/s Marvel Industries, Shri Ayush Goyal, Shri Satish Goyal & Smt Pinki Goyal** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs 1,71,36,168.88 (One Crore Seventy One Lakh Thirty Six Thousand One Hundred Sixty Eight and Paise Eighty Eight only)** being the dues **as on 31.10.2022** until payment in full within 60 days from the date of notice/date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower/mortgagor/guarantor and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on this **28.03.2023.**

The borrowers in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Punjab National Bank for an amount of **Rs 1,71,36,168.88 (One Crore Seventy One Lakh Thirty Six Thousand One Hundred Sixty Eight and Paise Eighty Eight only)** being the dues **as on 31.10.2022** with further interest and charges from **01.11.2022.**

The borrower's / guarantor's / mortgagor's attention is invited to provisions of section 13(8) of the Act in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.

Description of immovable Property :
Facility : Overdraft, Term Loan I, Term Loan II, Term Loan III
All that piece and parcel of Easter Portion of the Corner Property bearing No 41, New Municipal No 41/1, PID No 103-41/1, New PID No 179-W0019-20, 2nd Main, 39th Cross, 8th Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore measuring East to West 47 Feet and North to South 62 Feet and bounded on the **East By :** Property No 42, **West By :** Western Portion of the Same Property, **North By :** Road & **South By :** Property No 41/A with the building and fixtures standing thereon.

Date : 03.04.2023
Place : Bangalore

For Punjab National Bank (SECURED CREDITOR)
(CHANDRAJEET KUMAR)
Chief Manager (AUTHORISED OFFICER)

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ROBERT H SCHULLER

KSEB KERALA STATE ELECTRICITY BOARD LIMITED- E- TENDER NOTICE

Office of the Chief Engineer(IT,CR&CAPs), VydyuthiBhavanam, Thiruvananthapuram
Prepaid Smart Meter Tender
E-Tender : ID_2023_KSEB_570552_1
PAC- Rs. Approximate 2,400Crore Last date:29.04.2023 05.00pm
Visit **www.etenders.kerala.gov.in** and **www.kseb.in**
- Ref: PR /MC1 /E405/ E- Tender /2023

Aadhar Housing Finance Ltd.

Corporate Office : 802, Natraj By Rustomjee, Western Express Highway, Sir M.V. Road, Andheri East, Mumbai - 400069, Maharashtra.
Jayanagar Branch : Office No. 180,Amrutha ,5Th Main,4Th Block West, Jayanagar,Bangalore-560011,(KA).

APPENDIX IV POSSESSION NOTICE (for immovable property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Aadhar Housing Finance Limited (AHFL) under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, Demand Notice(s) issued by the Authorised Officer of the company to the Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s) mentioned herein below to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s) and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Sub-Section (4) of the Section 13 of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement rules, 2002. The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub –section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets. The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of AHFL for an amount as mentioned herein under with interest thereon.

Sl No.	Name of the Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower	Description of Secured Asset (Immovable Property)	Demand Notice Date and Amount	Date of Possession
1	**(COMBINE LOAN CODE_NO. 18800004270 Jayanagar Branch)** **Annamalai S** (Borrower) **Uma A** (Co Borrower) **Saravanan J** (Guarantor)	82 83 Flat No 164 Block C14 First Floor Kodat Hi Village Sarjapura Road , Bengaluru - 560035 , Karnataka.Bounded on : **East by :** Proposed Road, **West by :** Flat No.161, **North by :**Flat No.163 and **South by** : Road.	11-07-2022 ₹ 8,13,674.00 (Rupees Eight Lakhs Thirteen Thousand Six Hundred Seventy Four Only.)	29-03-2023

Place : Jayanagar
Date : 04.04.2023

Authorised Officer
Aadhar Housing Finance Limited

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MARKET			GOLD			SILVER			FOREX		
114.92 ▲	Sensex	59,106.44	₹330 ▼	24 carat (10 gm)	₹59,820	₹500 ▼	Per kg	₹74,000	▲ Dollar	82.32
38.30 ▲	Nifty	17,398.05	₹300 ▼	22 carat (10 gm)	₹54,850	₹50 ▼	Per gm	₹740	▲ Euro	89.58

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MPC meet: RBI may hike repo rate by 25 bps

High inflation and action taken by central banks of developed nations will be major factors in rate hike decision

SACHIN KUMAR @Mumbai

THE meeting of Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) rate-setting panel began on Monday amid expectations of 25 basis points (bps) hike in repo rate, which experts expect to be the last in the current monetary tightening cycle.

RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das-headed Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) will need to strike a fine balance between taming high inflation and sustaining growth while deciding about rate hike on April 6.

High retail inflation and the recent action taken by central banks of developed nations, especially the US Federal Reserve, the European Central Bank and Bank of England will be the major factors that will shape RBI's decision regarding rate hike. At the time of last policy meet in Feb, the latest available CPI inflation numbers showed a declining trend. However, after falling to 5.7% in December, CPI inflation reversed the trend and breached the 6% mark both in January and February.

In a bid to rein in inflation, RBI has already increased repo rate by 250 basis points since May. Inflation has continued to remain above the central bank's comfort zone of 2%-6% over the past several months. With prices likely to cool down in coming months, experts expect this rise to be last hike in this rate cycle.

"We expect RBI to raise repo rate by 25 bps and probably change stance to neutral. Reason is that inflation data available to date is high at 6.5% and 6.4% for the last two months. However, inflation will come down to less than 6% in next two months based on present trends and the base effect," Madan Sabnavis, chief economist, Bank of Baroda told this newspaper. "Given the Fed and ECB have raised rates, there is an external factor to consider too in the context of maintaining forex stability. Therefore, raising the repo rate is justified for the last time. Subsequently, there will be a pause until there is more clarity on monsoon/kharif side as there is a potential upside to inflation in case of a failure," Sabnavis added. The recent episode of bank failures in major economies has aggravated concerns surrounding global growth slowdown. India can't be entirely decoupled from global events. Despite challenges, India is expected to grow at 6.1% in 2023-24, fastest among major economies, owing to resilient domestic demand. This could mean that the Central Bank will not be overly concerned about growth at the current juncture, say experts.

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Madan Sabnavis, chief economist, BoB

MENACE OF INFLATION

25bps Expected hike in repo rate by RBI on April 6

250 bps Hike in repo rate by RBI since May 2022

2%-6% RBI's comfort zone for inflation

6.4% CPI inflation reading for February 2023

6.5% CPI inflation reading for January 2023

Housing demand remains robust despite high prices

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

DESPITE a significant rise in property prices in the last one year and lending rates reaching to pre-covid time, demand for housing units remains strong.

According to property consultant Knight Frank, in the first quarter of calendar year 2023 (Q1CY23), a total of 79,126 new homes were sold across the top eight cities in India, up 1% year-on-year (YoY).

While this is slightly lower than 80,270 units sold in the fourth quarter of CY2022, it is up by a staggering 124% when compared with the first quarter of CY2019, the pre-pandemic three-month period.

The growth in sales came even as the top markets saw a rise in the average residential prices in YoY terms with Bengaluru at 7%, Mumbai 6%, and Chennai 5% and Hyderabad at 5%.

Knight Franks believes home loan rates approaching 2019 levels will not be enough to subdue market momentum significantly.

Low lending rates and residential prices had sparked the revival for the real estate industry from the pandemic blues.

"Given the cautious but optimistic sentiment in the market, we do not believe that home loan rates approaching 2019 levels will be enough to subdue market momentum significantly," said Knight Frank.

It added, "The performance of the broader economy and homebuyer sentiment will have a greater bearing on market momentum in 2023 as it dictates homebuyer income levels and demand much more directly."

The cumulative 250 basis points repo rate hike by the RBI over the past 10 months has caused banks to increase their home loan rates in the range of 150-170 basis points.

The prevailing median home loan rate of 8.9% as on February 2023 is lower than the 9.2% level in pre-pandemic 2019.

However, the RBI is expected to increase the repo rate by another 25 basis points this week. This may further push the interest on housing loans.

Coming to housing sales in Q1CY23, Hyderabad marked a 19% growth YoY while slipping slightly is the larger markets of Mumbai and Bengaluru at -6% and -2% YoY, respectively.

Direct tax collection rises 18% to ₹16.61L cr in FY23

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

GROSS direct tax collections of the government for the financial year 2022-23 (FY23) stood at ₹16.61 lakh crore (after adjusting for refunds), a year-on-year increase of 17.63%.

The collections also exceeded the government's revised estimate by ₹11,000 crore. The centre has revised the direct tax collection for FY23 from ₹14.2 lakh crore to ₹16.5 lakh crore.

The gross collection (provisional) of direct taxes (before adjusting for refunds) for FY23 stands at ₹19.68 lakh crore, which is a growth of 20.33 % over the gross collection of ₹16.36 lakh crore in FY22.

Refunds of ₹3.07 lakh crore were issued during the financial year, which is an increase of 37.42 % over the refunds (₹2.23 lakh crore) made in FY22.

The gross corporate tax collection (before adjusting for refunds) stood at ₹10.04 lakh crore, which is a growth of 16.91% over the gross corporate tax collection of ₹8.6 lakh crore in the previous year.

The gross personal income tax collection (including STT) for the government was at ₹9.60 lakh crore, which is a growth of 24.23% over the previous year.

If direct tax collections figures are anything to go by then the government is expected to comfortably achieve the full year revised gross tax collection of ₹30.43 lakh crore.

The goods and services tax (GST) collections (for both Centre and states) also showed a sharp increase of 22% ₹18.1 lakh crore.

The Centre expects ₹8.54 lakh crore from GST for FY23.

Oil prices up 6% after OPEC's output cut, to inflate India's crude basket cost

RAKESH KUMAR @New Delhi

AFTER the world's largest producers announced a surprise cut in production, the oil prices in the international market jumped more than 6% on Monday, which could make the government's fight against the high inflation tougher.

The OPEC+ countries including Saudi Arabia, Iraq and Russia, on Sunday said they will slash output by 1 million barrels a day, accounting for about 3.7% of global demand.

The surge in crude prices is going to have an adverse impact on India as it will inflate the country's crude basket price and oil companies will incur losses on the sale of fuel. Brent Crude Future was trading at $84.77 a barrel (at 8.19 PM IST), up 6.11% or $4.88 daily, US West Texas Intermediate crude was

at $80.40 a barrel, up $4.73, or 6.25%. It touched highest at $86.44 a barrel earlier in the session. "The decision by OPEC+ to announce additional production cuts of about 1.16 million barrels a day has resulted in a surge in crude oil prices. This could fuel inflationary pressures since imports contribute to about 85% of the total demand in India, the rise in crude prices increases import bill and weakens rupee against the dollar," said Prashant Vasisht, Vice-President and co-head, Corporate Ratings, ICRA.

OPEC (Organization of the Oil Exporting Countries), which produces about 30% of the world's crude oil, decided to cut crude output by 1.16 million barrels a day from May 2023 until the end of the year. Russia too said it would curtail a million barrels a day until the end of the year. The purpose to cut output was to stabilise oil price, which fell to 15-month-low of about $70 a barrel, following the collapse of banks in Europe and the US. "In recent past, Indian purchase averaged up to $80-90/barrel, anything incremental beyond that will have relevant impact on our purchase basket, but normalised over 3-6 months given our existing inventories will help," said Gaurav Moda, Gaurav Moda, Partner, Energy Sector Leader from EY India.

Adani Ports completes acquisition of Karaikal Port for ₹1,583 crore

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone Ltd (APSEZ) on Monday said it has completed the acquisition of Karaikal Port Private Limited (KPPL) for ₹1,583 crore pursuant to the NCLT approval.

Earlier, APSEZ was declared as the successful resolution applicant under the Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process (CIRP) of KPPL.

This is one of the first big acquisitions by the Gautam Adani-promoted company after the Hindenburg Research report published on January 24, 2023. According to reports, the rout in share prices of Group companies following allegations of stock price manipulation by the US-based short-seller Hindenburg, has prompted the port-to-power conglomerate to realign its aggressive expansion strategy. Karan Adani,

CEO and Whole-time director, APSEZ , said, "With acquisition of Karaikal port, APSEZ now operates 14 ports in India." He added that APSEZ will spend further ₹850 crore over time to upgrade infrastructure in order to reduce the logistics cost for the customers.

"We are envisaging to double the capacity of the port in the next 5 years and also add container terminal to make it a multipurpose port," said Karan. The Port was commissioned in 2009, and was developed in the Karaikal District of the Union Territory of Puducherry, nearly 300 kms south of Chennai. It is the only major port between Chennai and Tuticorin.

With a built-in cargo handling capacity of 21.5 MMT, the port primarily handles cement, fertilizer, limestone, steel and liquids. In FY23, it handled 10 MMT cargo and acquisition consideration of ₹1,485 crore implies an EV/EBITDA multiple of 8x on FY23 EBITDA number.

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SpiceJet hives off cargo & logistics biz

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

Private carrier SpiceJet on Monday said it has completed the hive off of its cargo and logistics division 'SpiceXpress' into a separate entity, SpiceXpress and Logistics Private Limited.

This move results in a one-time gain of Rs 2,555.77 crore for SpiceJet, substantially reducing its negative net worth and paving the way for SpiceXpress to raise funds independently, the airline said. The hive off is effective April 1, 2023.

Ajay Singh, Chairman & MD, SpiceJet, said, "The decision to hive off SpiceXpress is in sync with our long term business plan and will unlock significant valuation of the logistic business. Both SpiceJet and SpiceXpress have great potential and will complement each other well."

RCap lenders postpone 2nd auction to April 11 to give bidders more time

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Mumbai

IN a positive development for the lenders of Reliance Capital, the three bidders have agreed to participate in the second round of auction for Reliance Capital, which has now been rescheduled for April 11 from April 4.

Earlier there was only one bidder, IIHL who had confirmed its participation in the auction, but now with Torrent & Oaktree also onboard, the lenders have decided to give the bidders more time for preparation, as the competition has gone up.

"Committee of Creditors (COC) has also assured the bidders to consider their request that no bids outside the auction shall be considered. This will ensure value maximisation for the lenders and transparency in the bidding process," said a source. "Highest bidder in value (NPV terms) will be declared post auction to bring finality to the resolution process," he added.

All the bidders have asked for the resolution plans to be compliant to the the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC) and Request for Resolution Plan (RFRP), as in the earlier auction held on 21 December, the bidders plans were found to be non-compliant.

Earlier, on March 27, lenders of Reliance Capital announced to hold the second auction on April 4.

The base bid amount has been set at ₹9,500 crore, based on net present value (NPV) calculations, with a minimum cash share of ₹8,000 crore.

As per the auction process, after the first round, the bid amount will increase by Rs 500 crore, and then by ₹250 crore in subsequent rounds.

It is hoped that this auction will enable Anil Ambani-promoted Reliance Capital to reduce its debt burden and get back on a stable financial footing.

The lenders of Reliance Capital have estimated the liquidation value of the company to be nearly ₹12,500 crore.

On March 2, the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT) allowed a petition filed by RCap lenders seeking another round of auction for the ongoing insolvency process.

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tells a source requesting anonymity

SBI's digital services hit by technical glitch for a few hrs

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Mumbai

THE customers of State Bank of India (SBI) were not able to use bank's internet banking, Yona app and UPI transfers for a few hours on Monday because of a technical glitch.

Frustrated with failed transactions, SBI customers went to the social media to vent out their anger.

According to the customers, all the online services offered by the SBI were down due to problems in the bank's servers since Monday morning.

Many customers complained that their credit card payments, money transfers and other online services of the SBI were delayed or failed due to the outage.

The bank in a statement, released late Monday evening, said that the issue had been resolved.

"We regret to inform you that due to a 'technical glitch', some of our digital services were impacted for a few hours on April 3. However, the issue stands resolved, and the digital services are live and restored. We apologize for the inconvenience to our valued customers," said SBI in a statement.

"The bank is always working toward implementing measures to prevent such occurrences. We thank you for your patience and continued trust in SBI," it added. SBI had informed its customers on Saturday that some of its services will not be available due to "annual closing activities.

Zoho CEO asks govt to develop local AI capabilities to prevent monopoly

VAITHEESWARAN B @Tenkasi

ZOHO CORP chief executive Sridhar Vembu urged central government to develop indigenous capabilities in artificial intelligence (AI) and prevent monopoly in the field.

Speaking to the press in Tenkasi town of Tamil Nadu, where he's based at, Vembu said, India should start making efforts to catch up in developing technology and lay out regulatory framework for artificial intelligence (AI). He and two other industry representatives have written an open letter to the Union government regarding this. However, he didn't specify the names. "We have to create a common pool to develop AI and it needs industry, academia and government collaboration - to build, develop and control a democratic AI and regulate pri-

vacy and data." "Digital public goods like UPI and ONDC should be developed for AI and India is a pioneer in this area. ONDC is an effort to prevent monopoly tax and we're participating in that." He said it is not too late for India to start developing AI capabilities. As per him, AI revolution will create economic disruption, especially in the software industry and Zoho has to reinvent itself to sustain longer. The SaaS company has changed its logo to reflect this transformation. "AI going to increase the productivity but that doesn't mean software industry will benefit from that." The firm has nearly 60-70 engineers, out of the 250 R&D team, tinkering on the AI-based entreprise applications and not focusing on consumer AI. "AI will increase the productivity of programmers by 100 times and the first jobs that AI will pose threat is software developers. I've been saying this for the last five years." "Programming is like weaving today and AI is like a powerloom and that's the disruption I see," he added.

The downstream effects of adopting technologies like AI without due diligence and appropriate safeguards can cause unprecedented disruption of the existing social order, the open letter read. Zoho is expanding its footprint in Tamil Nadu and Uttar Pradesh.

M&A can be attractive growth engine: Report

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Bengaluru

MERGERS AND ACQUISITIONS (M&A) can be an attractive growth engine for both acquirers as well as sellers if done with the right strategic, financial and execution discipline, said a new report by BCG India.

The report on M&A in India said that from new-age start-ups in hyper-growth mode to larger and mature corporates, M&A activity has covered the full spectrum of companies.

However, the report said given macroeconomic uncertainty, there is some degree of conservatism being observed as acquirers appear to be taking relatively smaller bets, translating into a lower number of large deals both globally as well as in India.

Kanchan Samtani, MD and Senior Partner, BCG India, Asia-Pacific Head of M&A and Transactions, said, "Irrespective of your company's current scale and maturity, M&A can be an important lever to accelerate growth of your core business, tap into adjacent revenue pools and develop long-term capabilities."

There has been a 40% decline in global deal value in 2022 compared to 2021. However, in India, M&A activity remained vibrant as there was about 114% increase in deal value in 2022 compared to the previous year. Swift capital deployment in the coming quarters is imperative to deliver returns for both private and public market investors given the buffer that has steadily built up. M&A will be one of the key channels for capital deployment, said Akshay Kohli, MD and Partner, BCG.

Shakib opts out of IPL, KKR to seek replacement

Bangladesh captain Shakib Al Hasan on Sunday reportedly informed his IPL franchise Kolkata Knight Riders about his unavailability for the entire ongoing season due to international commitments and personal reasons. Kolkata, who had won the title twice, are now in the process of seeking a replacement for the all-rounder.

KINGS TAKE GIANTS STRIDE

Yellove, cheering for Dhoni and like being part of a rock concert: Story of CSK's comeback game at home

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN @ Chennai

IT'S 6.30 PM on a typically early summer evening at Chepauk. The gentle sea breeze from Marina beach, a stone's throw away, is providing some needed respite for people walking on both sides of Wallajah Road and Bells Road (some of the main arterial roads). The walkers include some as young as one. It includes some as old as 80. Most of them give away the purpose of their visit and, by extension, their allegiance.

It's an IPL matchday at the MA Chidambaram Stadium – the city's first with Chennai Super Kings (vs Lucknow Super Giants) in attendance in almost four years – and the cops stationed outside are anticipating a lot of people. One of them, perhaps, exaggerates a touch when he says "we expect a lakh people here today (Monday) so we will close the roads for vehicular traffic soon".

Inside the Stadium, 'F Lower', the stand diametrically opposite to the 'Madras Cricket Club', is already lit, as the kids would say, even before toss time. The noise factor is already off the charts and they are contributing the most. While some of the other stands are less than half full, 'F Lower' is a yellow wall of humanity. One look at the back of the jerseys and it's safe to make the assumption that this is the more hardcore section of the fanbase.

Most of it has #SUPERFANS scribbled in blue on the franchise's ubiquitous t-shirt. Some has #WhistlePodu. Almost all of them have some part of yellow as part of their attire. It's either the hairband, headband or the T-shirt or all of the above. They, unsurprisingly, make the most noise when they begin chanting 'Dhoni, Dhoni', an ode to the name on the back of their t-shirts. This venerable old Stadium, filled for the first time for a Chennai game for more than a decade (three stands were locked under the previous state government), has always had its favourites but in front of the Chennai skipper, all of them are second best in terms of popularity. Dhoni, for many, is a cricketer in the November or December of his career. For Chennai's Super Fans, he is an unexplainable emotion, a totem.

They reserve this sort of love and affection towards Dhoni even on normal days. So, on this of all days, it's understandable. Last time Dhoni played a competitive match at Chennai, it was pre-pandemic. These fans have been starved of cheering for their first among equal for a very long time.

That noise level peaks in the last over of the Chennai innings. Dhoni, who prefers to almost exclusively bat at No. 7 or below these days, comes in with five balls remaining. When you take out the phone to check the decibel level, it registers 120-130 dbs. It's like being in a mosh pit, the place immediately in front of a rock concert. If you expose your ear to that level of sound for a small period of time, it could have potential health consequences.

Tell that to the fans, though, who are all up on their feet as Dhoni hits his first ball -- short and wide from Mark Wood -- over backward point for six. The next ball, the fans are again standing as their God is giving them their money's worth inside Chennai's supreme cricketing sanctorum. Wood is a touch shorter and on a sixth stump line but Dhoni swivels and hits it over deep square leg. He is out next ball but they don't care. They came to get a glimpse of him and he didn't disappoint his legion of followers.

In the dog days of 2020 and 2021, the government's Omandurar Hospital, which shares the Wallajah Road with the Stadium, was a visible klaxon of the pandemic as the city struggled to breathe. Two years later, it found its soul under lights. And a capacity crowd was witness to it.

Chennai Super Kings' Ruturaj Gaikwad hit second consecutive half-century as he scored 57 off 31 on Monday | ASHWIN ACHARYA

Ruturaj opens attack as hosts post first victory this season

5k

MS DHONI COMPLETED 5000 RUNS IN IPL ON MONDAY. THE CSK SKIPPER HAS SCORED 5004 RUNS FROM 236 MATCHES SO FAR. HE IS 7TH IN THE LIST OF TOP SCORERS LED BY VIRAT KOHLI.

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CSK HAVE WON 41 OUT OF 57 MATCHES PLAYED AT THE VENUE SO FAR. INCIDENTALLY, IT WAS FIRST GAME FOR LUCKNOW SUPER GIANTS AT THE GROUND.

Brief scores: CSK 217/7 in 20 ovs (Gaikwad 57, Conway 47; Bishnoi 3/28, Wood 3/49) vs LSG 205 in 20 ovs (Mayers 53; Moeen 4/26).

ASHOK VENUGOPAL @ Chennai

BACK-TO-BACK fifties from Ruturaj Gaikwad (57, 31b, 3x4, 4x6) and Moeen Ali's 4 for 26 paved the way for Chennai Super King's creditable 12-run win over Lucknow Super Giants in the IPL played at Chepauk late on Monday. Lucknow managed 205 for 7 in 20 overs. First Gaikwad with his brilliant strokeplay set the tone and later Moeen with his guile foxed the Lucknow middle-order into surrender to help CSK open account.

Ruturaj Gaikwad's effort and an enterprising 47 (29b, 5x4, 2x6) from Devon Conway put Chennai Super Kings in drivers seat as the hosts made most of the stingless LSG attack to post 217/7 in 20 overs. The duo raised 110 runs in just 56 balls to set the tempo for the lower order batsmen to exploit.

Chasing a mammoth 218 for win, Lucknow had an explosive start with Kyle Mayers (53; 22b, 8x4, 2x6) going hammer and tongs on the CSK attack. Ben Stokes who bowled on Monday was expensive and gave away 18 runs in his first over. But the introduction of spinners Moeen and Mitchell Santner put brakes on the visitors as three wickets fell in quick succession. Mayers, Hooda and Rahul all got out due to poor shot selection.

Earlier, Gaikwad and Conway got into the groove straight away and it was like a six-hitting competition between both of them. The duo could pick the length early and thus score runs at will. Both complimented each other and chose the right ball to attack without taking risks.

Rahul brought in spinner K Gowtham in the fifth over and Gaikwad who was in fine touch milked 20 runs from the Karnataka spinner.

Sensing that his bowlers were losing control Rahul brought in Mark Wood, the hero for Lucknow in their previous game. But Conway and Gaikwad paid scant respect to Wood. The duo sent the Lucknow fielders on a leather hunt and Wood was given the same treatment to that of Gowtham. Thus CSK raced to 79 in just 6 overs without any damage. A single off Krunal Pandya to long on ringed in Gaikwad's 50. When the Pune-born opener looked well set for a big score, fell to the guile of Ravi Bishnoi.

Soon Conway too perished caught in the deep by Krunal Pandya off Mark Wood. After Shivam Dube's exit, a lot was expected from Moeen Ali and Ben Stokes. Ali showed intent but did not last long. Ben Stokes failed once again to make an impact. Ambati Rayudu put the long handle to effective use and help CSK breach the 200-run mark. In the final over MS Dhoni (12) struck two consecutive sixes off Mark Wood to the delight of the crowd. In the process he completed 5000 runs in the IPL.

Capitals seek strong response

After a chastening defeat, Delhi Capitals will want to set their house in order quickly. They face holders Gujarat Titans on Tuesday. A look...

GUJARAT'S MULTIPLE MATCH-WINNERS

The secret to building a T20 franchise is not a couple of star players but a cast capable of playing second fiddle as well as becoming match-winners. The franchise excelled at this last year and showcased this in their first match against Chennai on Friday.

CAPITALS' TOP-ORDER

Delhi Capitals, even without their regular captain, Rishabh Pant, have a fun squad; especially a fun batting unit. If they click, it can get ugly. But on off days, like against Lucknow, it can be pretty grim. Which unit will turn up on Tuesday?

DELHI PACERS VS GILL

The opener is in supreme touch and has also become a vastly improved operator in this format. He moved through the gears against Chennai and will look to do the same against the likes of Chetan Sakariya & Co.

7.30 PM, New Delhi
Star Sports and Jio Cinema

Axar likely to bat higher: Ganguly

AGENCIES @ New Delhi

AXAR Patel's promotion in Delhi Capitals batting order is being seriously contemplated by the management, team Director Sourav Ganguly said on the eve of IPL game against Gujarat Titans on Tuesday. Ganguly, however, expects DC vice captain to bowl a better line after getting some hammering from Kyle Mayers and Nicholas Pooran.

"Yeah that's (batting) been discussed and he will bat up the order as his batting has improved. He has batted exceptionally well on difficult tracks against Australia and hopefully he can score runs for us," Ganguly told mediapersons. He was, however, sympathetic about spinners getting hit on a flat deck. "It's not easy when West Indian boys keep hitting you through middle. And they hit a long way. Mayers, Pooran, Russell and Powell they hit miles in T20 cricket.

Pant may watch

Injured Delhi Capitals regular captain Rishabh Pant is likely to watch the team's first home game against Gujarat Titans on Tuesday from the stands. He might also sit in the dugout if the franchise can secure requisite permission from the BCCI's Anti-Corruption and Security Unit (ACSU).

Lifter Shubham eyes more glory for him and his village

FIROZ MIRZA @ Chennai

VADGAON Maval is a small nagar panchayat around 40km from Pune in Maharashtra. It's famous for Jain and Potoba Maharaj temples. But the town holds a special place in the country's history as it was here where the first Anglo-Maratha war named Battle of Wadgaon was fought. Tukojirao Holkar and general Mahadji Shinde led the Maratha army, which inflicted a defeat on the East India Company forcing them to retreat.

Given its rich history, residents here still believe in staying fit and it is visible around the area. A large number of gymnasiums are operational. This also means children here start lifting weights even before reaching the age of 10. Shubham Todkar was no different. He started accompanying his father Tanaji to the gym at the age of eight. In the next five years, he started training for weightlifting. He went on to become the first national medallist from the village in weightlifting. He had won three medals (2 silver and 1 gold) in the nationals so far. Shubham added yet another feather to his cap when he won the 61kg selection trials held at the NIS Patiala to book a place in the national squad for the Asian Championships scheduled in Jinju, South Korea from May 3 to 13. The continental event is also one of the five competitions wherein lifters have to compete to earn points in their bid to qualify for the 2024 Paris Olympics.

"Vadgaon Maval is known for its temples but more than that it was the Anglo-Maratha war that gave recognition to us. Maybe that is the reason why people here are health conscious. My father was a powerlifter and he encouraged me to take up bodybuilding. Once I started that, my coach at Maharashtra Sports Club, Vikram Singh Deshmukh, started teaching me lifting techniques. I got hooked to it with time," Shubham told this daily.

A silver in junior national in 2015-16 helped him find a place in the national camp. However, a knee injury in 2017 meant he had to undergo surgery and miss the senior nationals. Shubham then made a comeback winning two silver in the nationals later. The medals also fetched him a job with the Indian Railways. "The job of ticket collector helped me a lot as I got in touch with Railway coach P Rangaswamy sir. He taught me the importance of diet and supplements. He also worked on my techniques helping me improve." The hard work paid dividends as he won 61kg gold in the senior nationals held in Nagercoil, Tamil Nadu from December 29, 2022, to January 7, 2023.

The top finish once again landed him in Patiala. "A stint at the national camp always helps as you get expert guidance from coaches. A good diet and supplements helped improve my performance. My snatch has improved by 2-3kgs in the last two months."

In Nagercoil, he lifted 119 in snatch and 152 in C&J for gold. He bettered that in the selection trials by lifting 122 in snatch and 152 in C&J. He wishes to improve it further. "The target is 130 in snatch and 160 in C&J. If I can do that, I can win a medal in the Asian Games and even qualify for the Olympics. Hopefully, I can achieve the target," signed off Shubham. Already the first national medallist from his village, Shubham can now aim to take it a step further by winning international medals in the upcoming competitions.

RSPB weightlifter Shubham Todkar during a competition | SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

EXPRESS READ

Oz F1 chief vows probe after fans invade track

MELBOURNE: The chief of the Australian Grand Prix vowed a full investigation on Monday after fans invaded the track before the race had officially finished, saying the outcome "could have been horrific". The sport's governing body, FIA, summoned organisers for an explanation late Sunday after the race, ruling the invasion a serious breach of the sporting code.

Pay deal delivers big increases for Oz cricketers

MELBOURNE: Cricket Australia is set to lift the salary cap for its domestic T20 league by 50% and increase the minimum and average pay for the women's national team by 25% as part of a five-year deal agreed with the player union. Salary cap for each team in the men's Big Bash League will increase to 3 million Australian dollars.

Miami winner Medvedev turns thoughts to clay

AFP @ Miami

DANIIL Medvedev could be forgiven for a little wishful thinking after he confirmed his status as the current king of the hard courts by winning the Miami Open. "If it would be my choice there would be only hard courts," he said with a grin after beating Jannik Sinner in the Miami final.

The victory was Medvedev's fourth of the hard court season and means he has now won every hard court ATP Masters event with the exception of Indian Wells — where he was beaten in the final by Carlos Alcaraz earlier this month.

Unfortunately though for the Russian, the tour now moves on to clay and then grass, surfaces where his record is less impressive. "I feel the best game on hard courts, even if I know that I can play well enough on grass and clay. I beat Novak (Djokovic) once on clay. I actually beat (Stefanos) Tsitsipas and Novak in the same tournament once. That's a pretty good achievement on clay," he added.

Djokovic regains top spot

Djokovic returned to number one spot in ATP rankings despite missing US tournaments last month. He has a 380-point lead over Alcaraz, with Greece's Stefanos Tsitsipas in third, more than 1,000pts behind the duo.

FOOTBALL ROUND-UP

Potter fired after 6 months as Chelsea's gamble backfires

AGENCIES @ London

CHELSEA ran out of patience with Graham Potter, firing the English manager with the club languishing in the middle of the Premier League standings despite a spending spree on new players totaling $630 million across the last two transfer windows. The team announced Potter's departure a day after a 2-0 loss to Aston Villa, which left Chelsea in 11th place, and nearly seven months after taking a gamble on him as the replacement for Thomas Tuchel.

"We have the highest degree of respect for Graham as a coach and as a person," Chelsea co-owners Todd Boehly and Behdad Eghbali said. "He has always conducted himself with professionalism and integrity and we are all disappointed in this outcome." The American ownership's first managerial appointment ultimately backfired. Potter was brought in from Brighton on a five-year deal despite his lack of experience coaching at soccer's biggest clubs, in a somewhat obscure coaching past, the only trophy he'd won was the Swedish Cup in 2017, and he failed to get the best out of an expensively assembled squad.

Chelsea won just seven of its 22 Premier League games under Potter and, with 10 games remaining, are 12 points off the top four, meaning the team is unlikely to qualify for next season's Champions League. Chelsea lost to Manchester City in both domestic cup competitions but has reached the quarterfinals of the Champions League, where it was drawn against titleholder Real Madrid with the first leg on April 12.

Graham Potter | AP

Quick hat-trick for Benzema

MADRID: It was a quick hat trick for Karim Benzema, and a big win for Real Madrid ahead of the last 'clasico' of the season. Benzema scored his three goals in a seven-minute span as Madrid crushed Valladolid 6-0 in the Spanish league, boosting the team's morale before they face Barcelona in the semifinals of the Copa del Rey.

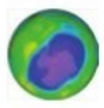
Leader PSG lose to Lyon

PARIS: French league leader Paris Saint-Germain gave their rivals in the title race a glimmer of hope after losing 1-0 to Lyon on Sunday for a second straight home defeat. PSG's fifth loss of the league campaign leaves its six points ahead of second-place Lens and Marseille with nine rounds of matches remaining.

AC Milan rout Napoli 4-0

ROME: If this was just the antipasto, Napoli should be concerned about what AC Milan will serve up for the main course. In the first of three matchups between Milan and Napoli this month, the former routed this season's runaway leader 4-0 on Sunday ahead of two more clashes in the Champions League quarterfinals.

A first-grade Virginia teacher who was shot and seriously wounded by her 6-year-old student filed a lawsuit Monday seeking $40 million in damages from school officials, accusing them of gross negligence



Their power to dissolve the ozone layer shielding Earth from the Sun prompted a ban, but scientists on Monday revealed that some human-made chlorofluorocarbons have reached record levels, boosting emissions

FACT OF THE MATTER

Scientists race to save ice memory

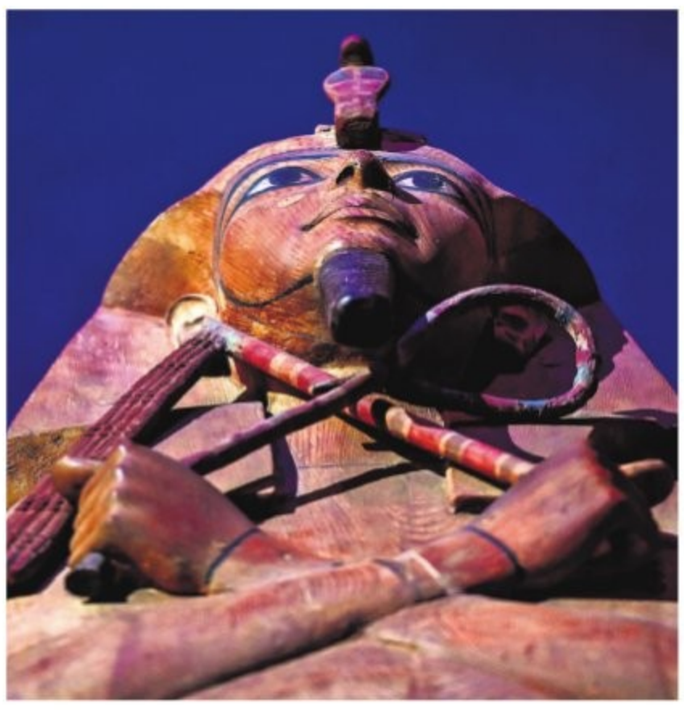
CLIMATE

Arctic scientists are set to start drilling to save samples of ancient ice for analysis before the frozen layers melt away due to climate change, mission organisers said on Monday. Italian, French and Norwegian researchers have set up camp in Norway's Svalbard archipelago in what they called a race against time to preserve crucial ice records for analysing past environmental conditions. They will extract ice in a series of tubes from as far as 125 metres below the surface, containing frozen geochemical traces dating back three centuries. Analysis of chemicals in deep "ice cores" provides valuable data about past environmental conditions.

Burkina Faso expels 2 journos

MEDIA

Burkina Faso's military junta has expelled two journalists working for French media without reason, said the outlets. Sophie Douce, a French correspondent for *Le Monde*, and Agnes Faivre, correspondent for *Liberation*, were given 24 hours to leave the country with no explanation, said articles by both newspapers on Sunday. Reporters were questioned separately about their work by state security on Friday. Faivre was ordered to leave that evening and Douce the following day, they both arrived in Paris on Sunday. Jihadi fighters linked to al-Qaida and the Islamic State group have been waging insurgency in Burkina Faso for seven years.



KING OF KINGS

The coffin of King Ramses II during an unveiling ceremony ahead of the opening of the exhibition 'Ramses et l'or des pharaons' at the Grande Halle de la Villette in Paris | AFP

French capital decides to banish for-hire e-scooters

It is the only major European capital to outlaw the two-wheeler

TRANSPORT

PARIS: Paris voted overwhelmingly on Sunday to banish for-hire electric scooters from the streets of the French capital, delivering a blow to operators and a victory for road safety campaigners.

The referendum means the City of Light, once a pioneer in embracing e-scooter services, is set to become the only major European capital to outlaw the widespread devices booked on apps such as Lime.

The city's residents were asked to weigh in for or against them in a public consultation organised by mayor Anne Hidalgo, with nearly 90% of the votes cast against, official results showed.

"We're happy. It's what we've been fighting for over four years," said Arnaud Kielbasa, co-founder of the Apacauvi charity, which represents victims of e-scooter accidents.

"All Parisians say they are nervous on the pavements, nervous when they cross the roads. You need to look everywhere," Kielbasa, whose wife and infant daughter were hit by an e-scooter driver, told *AFP*. "That's why they've voted against them."

Operators say they are being unfairly singled out as responsable for the often chaotic nature of Paris streets, where mayor Hidalgo has championed bikes and other forms of non-emitting transport since coming to power in 2014.

Her administration welcomed e-scooter operators with open arms in 2018, but it has progressively tightened regulations since, creating designated parking zones, limiting the top speed and restricting the number of operators.

But such measures have failed to convince residents, who often complain about reckless and drunken driving, as well as clutter on pavements.

A spate of fatal accidents has also highlighted the dangers of vehicles that can currently be hired by children as young as 12. "I'm committed to respecting the choice of voters, purely and simply," Hidalgo told reporters as she voted on Sunday.

The 63-year-old is now expected not to renew operating contracts for the city's three operators—California-based Lime, Amsterdam-based Dott and Berlin-based Tier—from August 31.

She said on Sunday that their business model was "very expensive—five euros for 10 minutes—it's not very sustainable, and above all, it's the cause of a lot of accidents."

The consultation will not affect privately owned electric scooters, of which 700,000 were sold nationwide last year, according to transport ministry figures. Around 100,000 journeys are completed each day in France on rented e-scooters in around 200 towns and cities.

The ban represents a significant financial and reputational blow for the multinational operators and could encourage other cities to follow suit.

Youths ride on a free floating rental electric scooter in Paris | AFP

TIGHTER REGULATIONS ON E-SCOOTER

Montreal outlawed all electric scooters for rental or private use in 2020, while Copenhagen banned rental versions in 2020 before bringing them back a year later with stricter conditions. E-scooter companies have backed tighter regulations in France, unveiled by the government last week, which would increase the minimum age to 14 and increase fines for offences such as driving with a passenger

NASA unveils crew for '24 moon mission

SPACE

NASA on Monday named the four astronauts who will fly to the moon by the end of next year, including one woman and three men.

The three Americans and one Canadian were introduced during a ceremony in Houston, home to the nation's astronauts as well as Mission Control.

"This is humanity's crew," said NASA Administrator Bill Nelson.The four astronauts will be the first to fly NASA's Orion capsule, launching atop a Space Launch System rocket from Kennedy Space Center no earlier than late 2024.

They will not land or even go into lunar orbit, but rather fly around the moon and head straight back to Earth, a prelude to a lunar landing by two others a year later.

The mission's commander, Reid Wiseman, will be joined by Victor Glover, an African American naval aviator; Christina Koch, who holds the world record for the longest spaceflight by a woman; and Canada's Jeremy Hansen.

All are space veterans except Hansen. "This is a big day. We have a lot to celebrate and it's so much more than the four names that have been announced," said Glover. This is the first moon crew to include a woman and someone not from the US—and the first crew in NASA's new moon programme named Artemis.

Late last year, an empty Orion capsule flew to the moon and back in a long-awaited dress rehearsal.

During the trip around Earth's orbiting satellite and back, Orion logged well over 1.6 million kilometres and went farther from Earth than any previous habitable spacecraft.

During Apollo, NASA sent 24 astronauts to the moon from 1968 through 1972. Twelve of them landed. All were military-trained test pilots except for Apollo 17's Harrison Schmitt, a geologist who closed out that moonlanding era alongside the late Gene Cernan.Provided this next 10-day moonshot goes well, NASA aims to land two astronauts on the moon by 2025 or so.

NASA picked from 41 active astronauts for its first Artemis crew. Canada had four candidates.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My Client **Sri Krishnakumarchoudhary** has negotiated and entered into an agreement of sale to purchase the schedule property mentioned below hereunder with **Sri D. Mohan Raj Mannandy** S/o Dorai Swamy are R/at No,31, 3rd Main, 10th Cross, NGEF Layout, Near Ganesha Temple Nrupathunga Nagar, Nagarabhavi, Bangalore-560072

They represents themselves as absolute owner having acquired the same under the sale deed registered No.RMN-1-09300-2012-13,Book No.1,Stored in C.D.No. RMND191 Dated 17-01-2013 in the office of the sub registrar Ramanagar and got the mutation effected in their names, thus he is vested with valid title over the property free from all types of encumbrances. any person/s,financial institutions, or any body having any claim, interest or objections for alienation of the schedule property are hereby notified to register their claim with copies of documents with undersigned with in 21 (Twenty one) Days of this notification of no objections or claims registered my client shall proceed and complete the sale transaction to purchase the property free from all encumbrance. **Schedule:** all the piece and parcel of the property in Sy.No.153/16 Measuring 20 Guntas and 1 Guntas B Karab Totally 21 Guntas Respectively situated at Ittamadu Village, Bidadi Hobli, Ramanagara Taluk, Ramanagara District and Bounded by: East by: C.M.Lingappa Property, West by:Road, North By: Thimmaiah Property, South By: C.M.Lingappa Property.

Sd/- **Rajesh .R.**
Advocate and Legal Consultant
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT, Sri. Anand V Avati, son of Vishweswaran S is the owner of the Schedule Property mentioned below in the Schedule Property hereunder.

It is brought to the notice of the general public that, our client Sri. R. Nagaraja Reddy son of Rama Reddy has negotiated and agreed to purchase the schedule Property situated at Sector IV of Hosur Sarjapur Road Layout, Bangalore, from the above said respective absolute owner. All persons having any claim against or to the Schedule Property or any part thereof by way of inheritance, mortgage, sale, conveyance, MOU, Agreement to Sell, GPA, transfer, lease deed, BDA allotment, tenancy, license, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement, gift, exchange, possession, adverse possession or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to submit the same in writing along with documentary proof to the undersigned at their office at No 393, Nidhi, First Floor, 15th Cross, 5th Main, Sector VI, HSR Layout, Bangalore-560102, within 15 days from the date of publication hereof, failing which our client shall proceed without any reference to such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

ALL THAT PIECE and parcel of site bearing No. 538, situated at Sector IV of Hosur Sarjapur Road Layout, Bangalore formed by the Bangalore Development Authority, and measuring East to West: 24.39 meters and North to South: 15.24 meters, totally measuring 371.70 square meters together with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface, presently within the jurisdiction of the Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike and bearing katha No. 429/538. The Schedule Property is bounded on the:
East : Road West : Site No 525
North: Site No 537 South : Site No 539

Sd/-
Gana M T. Advocate,
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SALE NOTICE

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Properties under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the **Symbolic possession** of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **ARM Branch-1 (Earlier Devanahalli Branch), Bengaluru of the Canara Bank,** will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 04.05.2023 (11.30 AM to 12.00 PM),** for recovery of **Rs. 1,05,74,06,625.42/-** with further interest and cost thereon due to the **ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru of Canara Bank from (1) Sreedevi Infraconstructions Pvt Ltd, (Represented by its Managing Director Smt Sreedevi B.T)** No.1139/B, 10th Main RMV Extension Bengaluru-560080, **(2) Smt Sreedevi B.T** W/o Sri Ravishankar **(3) Sri Ravishankar T.S** S/o T L Sanganna **Both 2 & 3 residing at :** Flat No. 101, 1st Floor, Orchid Block, Esteem Gardenia, Shankaranagar, Bengaluru-560092.

The Reserve Price and Earnest Money Deposits details are as under & the Earnest Money Deposit shall be deposited on or before **03.05.2023 at 5.00 pm** by way of DD favouring Authorized Officer **Canara Bank ARM-1 Branch** or through online payment to **Account No.209272434 (IFSC CNRB0002366)** is as under.

(₹.In Lakhs)

Sl No	Description of the Immovable assets	Reserve Price	EMD	Incremental Value of the Bid
1	All the piece of land in Sy No.220/1 (Old No.220), measuring 0.38 Guntas, situated at Devenahalli Village, Kasab Hobli, Devenahalli bounded by: East: Puttappannagudi Beedhim & Houses of Kamaraj, West: Land of Vendor, North : Land of Gopalkrishna, South: Houses of Munishamappa, Muniyappa, Narayanaswamy & Others	Rs. 608.31	Rs. 60.83	Rs. 1.00

Known encumbrances, if any: Not to the knowledge of the Bank.
For detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer the link "E-Auction" provided in Canara Bank's website **(www.canarabank.com)** or may contact **Chief Manager, ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru, Canara Bank, Ph. No.9483532366 during office hours on any working day.**

Place: Bengaluru
Date : 03.04.2023

Sd/- Authorised Officer
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SALE NOTICE

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Movable Properties under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described Movable properties Hypothecated to the Secured Creditor, the Physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **ARM Branch-1, Bengaluru of the Canara Bank, will be sold on "As is where is". "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 21.04.2023 (11.30 AM to 12.00 NOON), for recovery of Rs. 11,45,14,144.23/-** with further interest and cost thereon due to the ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru of Canara Bank from **1. M/s Pegasi Spirits Pvt. Ltd.(Formerly known as 3 Aces Hospitality Pvt. Ltd.)** through its authorised representatives at Regd. Office - House No. 22, Road no. 62, Punjabi Bagh, New Delhi – 110026, Head Office: S K Arcade,, No.33/1, Doddakannali, Carmalaram Post, Sarjapura road,, Bangalore-60035. **2. Mr. Neeraj Kukreja(Director)** S/o Jagdish Kukreja. **3. Mrs. Ritika Kukreja(Director)** W/o Neeraj Kukreja **both 2 & 3 residing at** Villa #151, Adarsh Palm Retreat, Bellandur, Bangalore-560103. **4. Mr. Jagdish Kukreja(Guarantor)** S/o Kaura Ram Kukreja. **5. Mrs. Pushpa Kukreja(Guarantor) Both 4 & 5 residing at** B 1801, Skylark Esta Hoodi, Whitefield, Bangalore - 560048.

The Reserve Price, Earnest Money Deposits, Auction date, last date of submission of Bid details are as under. The Earnest Money shall be deposited by way of DD favouring Authorised Officer, Canara Bank, ARM Branch I, Bangalore OR through online (RTGS/NEFT/Fund Transfer - **IFSC CODE CNRB0002366)** to the credit of the Account Number **209272434**, Canara Bank, ARM Branch I, Bangalore **on or before 20.04.2023.**

(₹. in lakhs)

Lot No	Description of the movable assets	Reserve Price	EMD Amount	Incremental value at Bid
1	Machineries at M/s Pegasi Spirit Pvt. Ltd. site	₹. 108.00	₹. 10.80	₹. 1.00

Known encumbrances, if any: Not to the knowledge of the Bank.
For detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer the link "E-Auction" provided in Canara Bank's website **(www.canarabank.com)** or may contact Chief Manager, **ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru, Canara Bank, Ph. No.9483532366** during office hours on any working day.

Place: Bengaluru
Date : 30.03.2023

Sd/- Authorised Officer
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Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Property

E-Auction Sale Notice for 15 days Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/ charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive/physical possession has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Union Bank of India Secured Creditor will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is" and "whatever there in"** on **26.04.2023, 11.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.** for recovery of **Rs. 29,16,003.27/-** (Rupees Twenty Nine Lakhs Sixteen Thousand Three and Paise Twenty Seven only) with further Interest, cost & expenses thereon. due to the Secured Creditor from **Borrower, Co-Applicant and Guarantor 1) M/s. Redbury Vineyards Pvt. Ltd.,** No. 87/1, Ramakrishna Hegde Nagar, Nandanavana layout, Thanisandra, Bangalore-560077. **2) Mr. Mohan Chandra .N.S (Borrower)** S/o. Late N.C. Shamanna, No. 54/55, Flat No.8, Drona Towers, II Cross, Prashanthi Nagar, R. K. Hegde Nagar, Bangalore-560 077. **3) Mrs. Vijaya .M (Co-Borrower)** W/o. Mohan Chandra .N.S, No. 54/55, Flat No. 8, Drona Towers, II Cross, Prashanthi Nagar, K Narayana Pura Main Road, Bangalore-560064. **4) R. Mani (Co-Borrower),** No. 87/1, Old 150/121, RV Nagar, Nandana Layout, Thanisandra, Bangalore-560077. The reserve Price will be **Rs. 4,11,966/- (10% of Reserve Price)**

Details of immovable secured assest to be sold : All that piece and parcel of Residential Flat belonging to Mr. N. S. Mohan Chandra "Drona Towers Apartment" 2 BHK Flat, Flat No. F-08, with built up area of 1150 sqft including Common area with car parking space in stilt floor, along with 272 sq. ft. of UDS out of the land of Site No. 54 & 55, Katha No. 54/54 & 55/55, New Khata No. 580/55/55, 2nd Cross, situated Behind Rastrothana Vidya kendra, Narayana -Thanisandra Main Road, Prashanthanagara, Thanisandra Village, Bangalore-560064 and **bounded on the : East by :** Private Property, **West by :** 30 Feet Road, **North by :** Private Property, **South by :** Site No. 56.

For Detailed terms and condition of the sale, please refer to the link provided in **(1) https://www.ibapi.in (2) www.unionbankofindia.co.in**
The intending purchaser require to register through :
https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp
The online E-auction will be held through **website: sarfaesi@unionbankofindia.com.**
For E-auction Related queries Please contact BM : M : 9980675100

Date : 29.03.2023
Place : Bengaluru

Sd/- Authorised Officer
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The Reserve Price and Earnest Money Deposits details are as under & the Earnest Money Deposit shall be deposited on or before **20.04.2023 at 5.00 pm to account number 209272434, Canara Bank, ARM Branch I, Bangalore RTGS/NEFT (IFSC-CNRB0002366)**

(₹. in Lakhs)

Lot No	Description of the immovable assets:	Reserve Price	EMD Amount	Incremental value at Bid
1	**Commercial Apartment** consisting of unit No.4, 4th Boor Sub No.2/15 in the building known as "Narang Chambers" with PID No.45-47-2/15 Situated at property No.2/3. Ward No.47, Narasimharaja Road, Bangalore-560002, measuring super bull up area of 415 sq ft with undivided share of 89.52 sq ft and **flat bounded** on north by Narasimharaja Road, South by: Common passage, East by : Unit sub numbered 2/16 and West by : Unit sub numbered 2/14 and **site bounded at :** North by : Narasimharaja Road, South by : Conservancy Lane, East by: Private properly and West by : Kumbaragundi property.	₹. 32.00	₹. 3.20	₹. 1.00
	Commercial Apartment consisting of unit No.5. 4th floor Sub No.2/16 in the building known as "Narang Chambers" Situated at property No.2/3, Ward No.47 Narasimharaja Road, Bangalore -560002 measuring super built up area of 965 sq ft with undivided share of 203.78 sq ft and **flat bounded on :** North by : Narasimharaja Road, South by : Unit sub numbered as 2/17, East by: Private Property and West by : Unit sub numbered 2/15 and **Site, bounded at :** North by: Narasimharaja Road, South by : Conservancy Lane, East by : Private property and West by: Kumbaragundi property.	₹. 74.25	₹. 7.43	₹. 1.00
	Total	₹.106.25	₹.10.63	

Known encumbrances, if any: Not to the knowledge of the Bank.
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Place: Bengaluru
Date : 03.04.2023

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The Reserve Price and Earnest Money Deposits details are as under & the Earnest Money Deposit shall be deposited on or **before 20.04.2023 at 5.00 pm by way of DD favouring Authorized Officer Canara Bank ARM-1 Branch** or through online payment to **Account No.209272434 (IFSC CNRB0002366)** is as under.

(₹. in Lakhs)

Lot No	Description of the immovable/movable assets:	Reserve Price	EMD Amount	Incremental value at Bid
1	Residential site situated at no. 18, BBMP khata no. 894, PID no. 894, Khata no. 894-578/18 of BBMP formed in Sy. No. 29/2, ward no. 12 Abbigere Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, measuring east to west (48+30)/2 feet and north to south (35+22)/2 feet total 1111.50 sqft, bounded on: EAST- site no. 19, WEST- Road, NORTH- Road, SOUTH- private property.	₹.55.60	₹.5.56	₹.1.00
2	All that piece & parcel of residential Land & Building situated at No. 52, 2nd Cross, Bullet Krishnappa Layout, BBMP Khatha no. 487/36/1/52, Old VP Khatha no. 475/505/52, of Thindlu village, (Byatarayanapura V.P.) Yelahanka Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Off Kodigehalli Road, BBMP Ward no. 9, Vidyaranyapura Range, Bengaluru – 560097, measuring East to West 40 feet, and North to South 45 feet. Extent of site totally measuring 1800 Sq.Ft. and bounded by: North: Site no. 22, East: Site no. 51, South: By road, West: Site No. 53.	₹.157.14	₹.15.71	₹.1.00
3	All that piece and parcel of residential/commercial building at no. 2765, Khatha no. 2658/2765, New PID no. 0078-W0450-6, "E" Block, Sahakarnagar, at Kodigehalli & Byatarayanapura, Village-Hebbal Near Swathi Gardenia, Bengaluru North, Karnataka – 560092 measuring East to West 30 feet and North to South 40 feet. Extent of Site totally measuring 1200 Sq.Ft. and bounded by: North: Private Property, East: Property no. 2766, South: Road, West: Property no 2764	₹.198.00	₹.19.80	₹.1.00

Known encumbrances, if any: Not to the knowledge of the Bank.
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Date : 03.04.2023
Place: Bangalore

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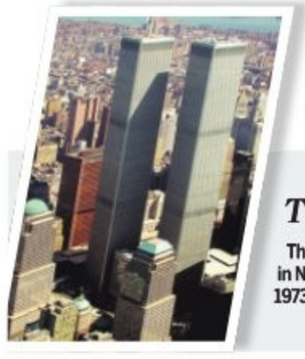

DAY'S DIARY

Twin Towers dedicated

The Twin Towers of the World Trade Center in New York City were officially dedicated in 1973. A ribbon-cutting ceremony celebrated the completion of its construction

ICONIC BUILDINGS

The $700 million World Trade Center, its two 1,350 foot towers the largest buildings in the world, was dedicated formally by Governors Rockefeller and Cahill

CONSTRUCTION

The huge towers were set on bedrock 70 feet below street level and are designed to sway in a maximum are of 11 inches in high winds

TERRORIST ATTACKS

On February 26, 1993, a large bomb planted exploded in the underground garage, damaging the base of the building. The 9/11 attack destroyed the towers

Check out what's happening in the city

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What was the common thread between the launch of Dior and the Nita Mukesh Ambani Cultural Centre? Fashionistas turning up in traditional Polki and diamond jadaue or pearl chokers teamed up with contemporary couture...

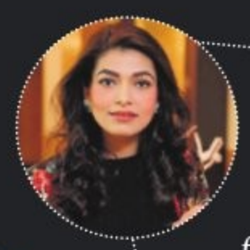
BLENDING WORLDS

MONIKA MONALISA

LAST week was a big one for India in the fashion scene, with the country making international headlines. It began with the landmark runway show in Mumbai by the French luxury fashion brand Dior. The show was an acknowledgement of India's artisanal contribution to European high fashion. The week concluded with the grand launch of the Nita Mukesh Ambani Cultural Centre in Mumbai, which saw the who's who of Bollywood and Hollywood. Hosted by the family of Mukesh Ambani, the launch saw guests turning up in Indian handlooms and artisanal work.

Jewellery being a signature part of the look, traditional Polki and diamond jadaue or pearl chokers teamed with contemporary designs seemed to be this season's trend. Actors like Priyanka Chopra, Aditi Rao Hydiri, and Ali Bhatt to name a few were seen flaunting chokers with a modern take on them. Sanskriti Kapoor, a fourth-generation jeweller from Delhi-based brand RBJ, says it is about revamping heirloom jewellery that India is known for. "A lot of celebrities wear a gown with traditional chokers. For example, Sonam Kapoor is wearing a pink dress from Dior's current collection along with a Polki choker," says Kapoor, who, along with her sister Samriti Nath, will be displaying similar diamond jewellery pieces on April 9 at a star hotel in the city. According to Nath, Polkis work best as the base for this kind of fusion look because of its ability to play with diamonds. "Polkis are usually made of gold and white kundan work, it can be worn with multiple attires," says Nath.

The Dior fashion extravaganza also saw models donning multiple stacks of pearl chokers, complimenting the heavy sequin and zardozi.



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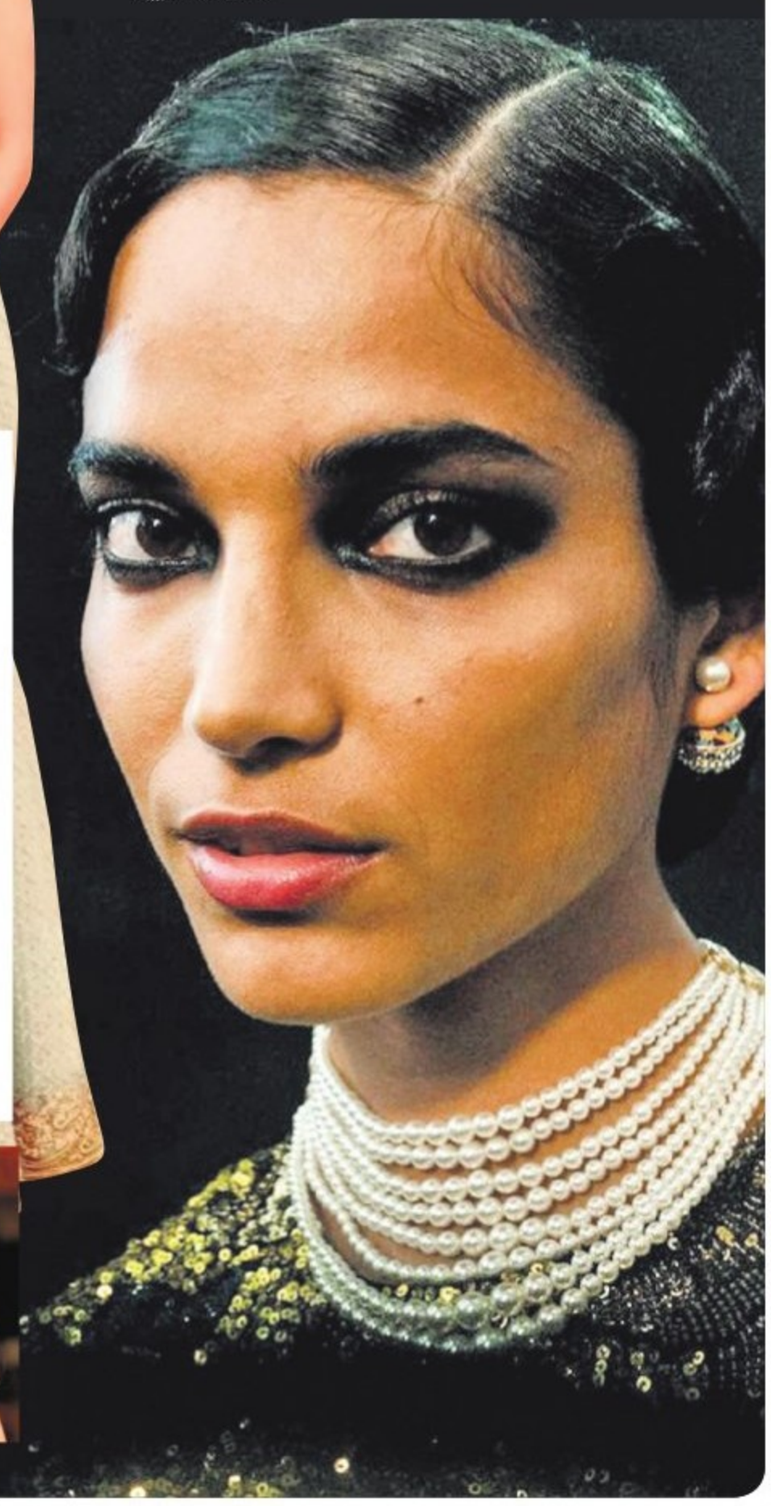
Anugrah Samuel Phillips, a stylist and model, says pearls - which are usually used as an understated style - can also be used as a 'dramatic' statement wear. "Pearls are universal. It's so global and Indian at the same time that it can really change or uplift a person's look quite easily. It gives a grand and opulent look without appearing heavy. Now, it goes with casual wear as well as high fashion and modern attire," says Phillips.

Agrees stylist Tejaswini Gururaj. "We have usually seen a stack of two or three chokers but Dior has around 7-10 strings of pearl chokers. The best part of the ensemble was that it had Indian sensibilities in it. It was a good way to pair it for a modern look," she says.



Former principal of St. Joseph's Boys' High School Ft Michael John SJ takes in the exhibits at the museum | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

Treasures of the past

On Monday, St. Joseph's Boys' High School opened a museum featuring notable artefacts and memorabilia from its 165-year-old history

EXPRESS FEATURES

ESTABLISHED in the mid-19th century, St. Joseph's Boys' High School is not only the oldest surviving education institution in the city, but also one of the premier institutions, that over the years has been the alumnus of some of the most notable names in the country's history. To commemorate that history and legacy, the school recently opened a 'Museum of Memories', featuring notable artefacts and memorabilia from its 165-year-old history.

"Every alumni who visit the school always tell us that they experience a strong sense of nostalgia when they step into the campus. And when they bring their family and friends along with them, we see how enthusiastic they are about showing the latter around the campus," says Ft Sunil Fernandes, the principal, adding "The museum gives all these memories that our alumni have had at the school a tangible form. For all of us who are and have been a part of the school over the years, these artefacts serve as treasured memories."

Currently, the museum features a collection of musical instruments and notable documents such as school diaries, appointment letters, and more, which date back all the way back to the early 1900s. Part of the collection is sourced from the school's own archives, while the rest are donations from several alumnus and their families. In the near future, the school plans to expand to a dedicated space in a yet-to-be- constructed building.

CITY READ

New tap room in south Bengaluru

The Shravanthi Group has returned to the F & B space with its first tap room space, creating a new unique concept for south Bengaluru. it is called Big Barn. Shravanthi Group founded by L Balakrishna Naidu over two decades ago, has been a player in the real estate development across Bengaluru.

Post-Graduate Diploma in Facility Management

Ramaiah University of Applied Sciences, Bangalore in association with its industry partner, Schevaran Cleanfix Academy (P) LTD, is offering a programme Post Graduate Diploma in Facility Management (PGDFM). Facility Management is an organisational function that integrates people, places, and processes within the built environment with the purpose of improving the quality of life of people and the productivity of the core business. PGDFM is an 11-month programme offered in a trimester scheme. Students will acquire essential skills required in facility management, including engineering, science, and business management through hands-on, case studies by experts from the facility management industry and a project in the final trimester. Graduates from hotel management, business management, engineering, and science streams are eligible to apply for this post-graduate programme.

From traditional delicacies of roasted lamb and deviled eggs to innovative dishes such as chapala pulusu, restaurants in the city are putting up a lavish spread this Easter

'EGG'CITING FARE

Easter Delights

Made with an assortment of fresh ingredients, including carrots, coconut, pineapple, raisins and more, the Easter special carrot cake from Magnolia Bakery is a must have. The bakery is also offering a mini apple double crust pie, chocolate pudding pie and more as part of a special festive menu.

When: Till April 15 **Where:** Multiple locations **Details:** 96067 46364 **Cost:** 330++

Easter Bites

Relish a fare of Easter specials like coffee and plum-glazed ham, sticky onions and cheddar quiche, brioche easter pate, and more, before topping it off with crafted drinks and some 'egg-cellent' desserts.

When: April 9, **Where:** b Cafe, Shangri-La, Palace Road **Details:** 804512 6100, **Cost:** ₹2,999+

Festive Delights

This festive season, indulge in a carefully curated menu featuring traditional Easter delicacies along with specialty signature dishes such as suckling pig, waffle witches, coconut cream eclairs, and more, while enjoying fun activities and live music.

When: April 9, 1pm onwards, **Where:** Lush, Renaissance Hotel, Race Course Road

Details: 9513944520, **Cost:** ₹1,895++

Easter Extravaganza

Have some festive fun with a celebratory egg hunt with family and friends. If that's not your jazz, enjoy the live music while munching on classic Easter fare including hot cross buns,devilled eggs, spanakopita pie and more.

When: April 9, 12.30pm onwards

Where: Limelight, Hotel Royal Orchid, Old Airport Road **Details:** 9902000022

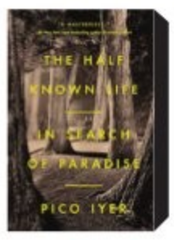
Cost: ₹1,800++

Egg-filled Feast

Celebrate Easter in thorough traditional fashion and enjoy classic dishes such as quiche, frittata, lamb leg, pork roast and more. Couple it with refreshing beverages like mimosas, before indulging your sweet tooth with a selection of cakes and more.

When: April 9, 12.30pm onwards. **Where:** JW Kitchen & BBC, JW Marriott, Vittal Mallya Road **Details:** 8884494037, **Cost:** ₹3,000++

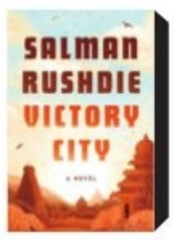
BOOK NOOK



The Half Known Life

by Pico Iyer

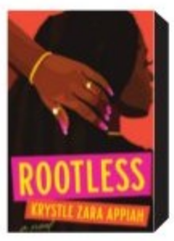
The writer brings together a lifetime of explorations to turn over our ideas on searching for paradise, a place where anxieties, struggles and burdens of life fall away.



Victory City

by Salman Rushdie

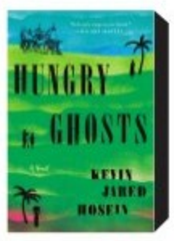
Booker prize-winning and internationally bestselling author's book is set in the city of Bisnaga in India and talks about the journey of a woman who builds a fantasy empire that lasts over 250 years. The book is a saga of love, adventure, and magical realism that is narrated through the power of storytelling.



Rootless

by Krystle Zara Appiah

A love story about motherhood, and sacrifice and provides an intimate look at what happens after marriage collapses leading two people to rediscover the ultimate meaning of their life and whether they want each other still.



Hungry Ghosts

by Kevin Jared Hosein

A tragic novel set in Trinidad in the 1940's the book juxtaposes luxury with poverty and talks of race and class, religion, historical violence etc. Rooted in Trinidad's wild pastoral landscape the book is inspired by oral storytelling traditions.

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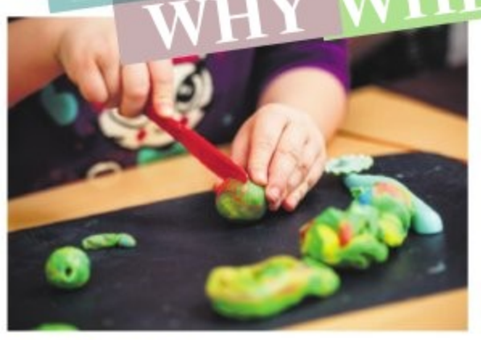

Joyful Summer

Pragyaa Preschool and Daycare is organising a summer camp for kids aged 2 to 5 years and 6 to 10 years. The camp will help kids explore areas such as clay modeling, storytelling, fluid art and much more.

WHERE: Banashankari
WHEN: April 4, 9.30pm **DETAILS:** allevents.in

Musical Evening

Enjoy an evening of music with the karaoke tribute to the legendary Billy Joel by Bali. **WHERE:** Urban Solace, Halasuru
WHEN: April 7, 7pm **DETAILS:** insider.in

An Evening of Laughter

Enjoy the evening with the comedy shows by Krishna Subramanian and Rahul Robin.
WHERE: Glen's Bakehouse, Kalyan Nagar
WHEN: April 6, 8pm
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Lively Wednesday
Enjoy your Wednesday by dancing to Bollywood and Punjabi music. Entry is free for couples and ladies till 9.30pm. WHERE: Tipsy Bull, Koramangala
WHEN: April 5, 8pm DETAILS: insider.in

Tents & Camping

'Anveshana', a hands-on sustainable living and biodiversity awareness workshop is being conducted by practising experts for children in the age group of 8 to 15 years. Food and accommodation will be provided and all the safety measures will be taken.
WHERE: Nature Inspires-Chiguru Ecospace, Singadasanahalli Village
WHEN: April 6, 6.30pm
DETAILS: allevents.in

Upskill Data-entry

An offline data-entry conference for CA, CPA, accountants, bookkeepers, and IT integrators where you learn to automate data entry into Tally, Zoho Books, QuickBooks accurately, safely, and fast. Participation is free.
WHERE: Fairfield by Marriott, Rajajinagar
WHEN: April 5, 7.30pm
DETAILS: eventbrite.com

Progress Ahead

A post-leadership Wellness City tour, which aims to touch the lives of people in India with the power of the world's purest essential oils.
WHERE: Fortune Park JP Celestial, Gandhi Nagar
WHEN: April 5, 3pm
DETAILS: townscript.com

ALL CHEERS!

An NRI father-son duo from the UK return home in the metro after watching the RCB vs Mumbai Indians IPL match held at M Chinnaswamy Stadium on Sunday | VINODKUMART

QUICK FIX

TANDOORI PRAWN RECIPE

Contributed by **Margaret Biswas,** Kolkata

INGREDIENTS

- **Tiger prawns:** 2
- **Yoghurt:** 1 cup
- **Lemon:** 1
- **Ginger-garlic paste :** 1 tsp
- **Biryani masala:** 1 tsp
- **Tandoori masala:** 4 tbsp
- **Jeera powder:** 2 tsp
- **Dhania powder:** 2 tsp
- **Salt:** 1 tsp
- **Red food colour:** 1/2 tsp

METHOD

- Wash the prawns and skewer it through to keep it straight.
- In a bowl, mix all the masalas. Marinate the prawns with mixed masala and refrigerate for 4-5 hours.
- In a preheated microwave oven, at 250 degree celsius grill the prawns for 20 minutes changing each side every 10 minutes.
- Burn a small piece of charcoal and place it in a small bowl.
- In that burning charcoal, put 1 spoon of ghee and cover it along with the prawns to give a smoky flavour.

What's cooking in your kitchen?

We are hungry for recipes with minimum ingredients and maximum flavours. Share your quick-fix with us, along with step-by-step photos, at bengalurucityexpress@gmail.com

FIT BIT

URDHVA HASTA DANDASANA

(STAFF POSE RAISED OPEN HANDS)

Often this seated simple pose is practised for relaxing the leg muscles and the hips after an intense yoga session. The spine plays a crucial role here and this pose is not just the act of sitting, but to sit upright and still. It is a warm-up yoga pose.

STEPS

- Sit on the mat with the legs outstretched in front of the body. Point the big toes upwards.
- Keep the spine and neck erect, legs together and feet gently touching each other.
- Place the palm on the floor by the side of hips, pointing fingers towards the toes.
- Keep the arms straight to provide a firm and gentle support to the spine.
- Stretch big toes towards yourself and firmly press thighs and heels into the floor.
- Engage the muscles of legs to root legs down into the ground.
- Now, inhale and slowly raise your both hands up.
- Make sure that your open palms face each other, and fingers reach toward the sky.
- Stretch the spine upwards right from the pelvis to the top of head.
- Lift the chest up and slightly draw the shoulders back to broaden collar bones.
- Maintain a straight gaze and take slow breaths.
- Hold the position from 20 seconds to a minute depending on how long you feel comfortable.

BENEFITS

- This helps to improve the posture.
- It is more helpful to strengthen back muscles.
- This pose lengthens and stretches the spine.
- May help to relieve complications related to the reproductive organs.
- This pose stretches the shoulders and chest.
- It nourishes the body's resistance to back and hip injuries.
- It also helps to calm brain cells.
- May improve functionality of the digestive organs.
- It is more helpful to create body awareness.
- This helps to improve alignment of the body.
- It provides a mild stretch for hamstrings.

LIMITATIONS

Best to avoid this asana if anyone has a lower back or a wrist injury.

Use a blanket under the legs if hamstrings are too tight.

If you suffer from breathing disorders, such as asthma, bronchitis or general breathlessness, make sure your back is against a wall. Should also use this method if you have ulcers or suffer from bulimia.

By N Elumalai, PhD scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

NOW STREAMING

REGIONAL

RUN BABY RUN (Tamil)

A happy-go-lucky guy with a simplistic view of life becomes caught up in a myriad of tricky situations and a race against time.

Cast: RJ Balaji, Isha Talwar, Aishwarya Rajesh

- **Watch on:** Disney+ Hotstar

MISSION MAJNU (Hindi)

Set in the 1970s, an undercover Indian spy takes on a deadly mission to expose a covert nuclear weapons program in the heart of Pakistan that could destroy the free world.

Cast: Sidharth Malhotra, Rashmika Mandanna, Bhumika Chawla

- **Watch on:** Netflix

THUNIVU (Tamil)

A criminal mastermind and his team form a plan and commit bank heists across Chennai, but the motive of their heists remains mysterious.

Cast: Manju Warrier, Ajith, John Kokken

- **Watch on:** Netflix

RAYMO (Kannada)

Raymo, a brash rockstar entangled in dysfunctional familial relationships, falls in love with Mohana, a committed classical singer. However, dire circumstances force them into separation.

Cast: Ishaan, Ashika Ranganath, Madhoo

- **Watch on:** ZEE5

WRITER PADMABHUSHAN (Telugu)

Padmabhushan, a 25-year-old aspiring writer based out of Vijayawada, India, sets off on a roller-coaster ride full of innocuous fun and soft emotions with his middle-class family.

Cast: Suhas, Tina Shilparaj, Rohini

- **Watch on:** ZEE5

All the streaming apps can be accessed on smartphones and smart TVs with Internet connection.

GULMOHAR (Hindi)

Following the multi-generation Batra family, who are all set to move out of their 34-year-old family home, and how this shift in their lives is a rediscovery of the bonds that have held them together as a family with secrets and insecurities.

Cast: Manoj Bajpayee, Sharmila Tagore, Suraj Sharma

- **Watch on:** Disney+ Hotstar

IRATTA (Malayalam)

After a cop is found dead, a policeman's investigation sparks a chilling search for the truth connected to his estranged twin and their fraught past.

Cast: Joju George, Anjali, Sreekant Murali

- **Watch on:** Netflix

FOREIGN

SLOW HORSES (English, series)

Following a dysfunctional team of MI5 agents — and their obnoxious boss, the notorious Jackson Lamb — as they navigate the espionage world's smoke and mirrors to defend England from sinister forces.

Cast: Gary Oldman, Olivia Cooke, Kristin Scott Thomas

- **Watch on:** Apple TV

THE NIGHT AGENT (English, series)

While monitoring an emergency line, an FBI agent answers a call that plunges him into a deadly conspiracy involving a mole at the White House.

Cast: Gabriel Basso, Luciane Buchanan, Sarah Desjardins

- **Watch on:** Netflix

THE STAND (English, series)

When a man-made plague wipes off most of the human populace from the face of the Earth, a few survivors battle each other to determine the fate of their species.

Cast: Amber Heard, Alexander Skarsgård, James Marsden

- **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video

PROMISING YOUNG WOMAN (English)

Nothing in Cassie's life is what it appears to be — she's wickedly smart, tantalizingly cunning, and she's living a secret double life by night. Now, an unexpected encounter is about to give Cassie a chance to right the wrongs from the past.

Cast: Carey Mulligan, Bo Burnham, Alison Brie

- **Watch on:** Netflix

SUBSCRIPTION

Sony LIV:	₹ 299 per month
Zee5:	₹ 399 for 3 months
Disney+Hotstar:	₹ 199 for 3 months
Netflix:	₹ 149 per month

FAST & EAST

ASLAM GAFOOR

(The writer is a Bengaluru-based hospitality professional, food lover, and travel enthusiast)

THIS year, several restaurants and food establishments in namma Bengaluru have launched new and exciting dishes during Ramadan for dine-in, takeaway and delivery. From street food to gourmet meals, the city's food scene during this holy month is a fusion of traditional and innovative dishes, with something for everyone to savour and enjoy,

Luxury hotel, The Den Bengaluru, has launched a variety of wholesome food boxes for sehri, iftar and dinner as part of its Ramadan delivery menu. Designed to be shared with family and friends, the sehri box includes dates, banana, rose milk, haleem, sheermal, mutton keema puffs, and dry fruit cake, while the iftar box has dates, lassi, cut fruits, and chicken samosa with chutney. The dinner box contains kanji, chicken angara kebab, mutton biryani, beef curry, khasta paratha, saffron phirni, raita and condiments. *₹1,999+ for the set of 3 boxes*

Khanposh restaurant, renowned for its flavourful and homestyle Awadhi cuisine, has introduced an array of classic and contemporary dishes for iftar. The veg and non-veg boxes include flavourful dishes with options of shikanji, roohafza, cut fruits, mixed pakora, bread roll, aloo samosa, kheema samosa, dahi phulki, dahi bada, gudamba, gulab jamun, and shahi tukda. The highlight of the menu is the kulcha nihari where the bread is baked in a traditional iron tandoor. *₹200+ and upwards*

For many years, city residents have patronised the Empire chain of restaurants which is popular for its biryanis, kebabs, and desserts. The team is offering iftar delivery boxes to people who want to break their fast with a convenient, tasty and filling meal in the evening. Available at select Empire restaurant locations throughout the Ramadan month, the boxes include chicken biryani with gravy, kebab, chicken haleem, samosa, shawarma, dates, salad, raita, fruit custard, and watermelon juice. *₹449+ per box*

This Friday, Trippy Goat cafe is having an iftar-style food pop-up where you can indulge in some of the best treats in a clean, safe environment. There will be food stands selling sinful egg custard, samosas by the dozen, fizzy rose beverage, and other specialties. Chickpea kibbeh, grilled halloumi shashlik, mutton chapli kebab, and harissa prawn are some of the items among the small plates; the large plates menu will feature mezze platter, shawarma, mutton haleem, and mutton biryani. April 7, 6.30 pm onwards, *from ₹1,200+ and up*

Dindigul Thalappakatti also has a flavour-packed iftar box which contains khuska, chicken 65, haleem, dates, gulab jamun, mutton kheema balls, parotta, chicken varuval kulambu, cut fruits and tetra pack juice. *₹275+ per box*

Amintiri has a delicious selection of cake loaves, celebratory cakes, and pastries for all kinds of special occasions, big and small. This month, Amintiri debuted a special baked Gulaab Jamun Cheesecake (Chand Cake) for Ramadan which is the ideal blend of conventional and contemporary tastes. This Chand Cake is a combination of a baked creamy cheesecake infused with Gulaab Jamun sweetness. *₹1,180 for 500gm.*

HEROES ON OUR ROADS

THE irony is such. Deaths and killings become glaring. Certain acts of saving lives remain hidden, unless much publicised and some kind of 'bravery award' is given to the saviours. The generally acknowledged brave acts are in the domain of soldiering, and people saving others from certain death with complete disregard to their own safety. They are awarded. They are much spoken about. They are eulogised for others to draw inspiration from them.

But a certain category of saviours remains perpetually ignored, despite each of them saving countless numbers of people – that, too, daily! This category comprises the motorists of Bengaluru!

Yes, the roads of Bengaluru are filled with motoring heroes. If you hold a legal driving or riding licence and are motoring on the city roads without ever maiming or killing anyone while in control of your vehicle, give yourself a pat on your back. Consider yourself a hero, a life-saviour!

You may wonder how. The roads of Bengaluru are so chaotic that only an alert and disciplined motorist is able to anticipate danger to someone else's life and avert a disaster that could end up in loss of life.

It is easily taken for granted, and probably that's why it is ignored. But if you closely analyse your driving at the end of the day, you will realise you have actually ended up saving several lives while you have been driving or riding your vehicle. These acts of saving lives are veiled by the assumption that it is what safe driving is all about. It does not involve overt actions like diving into a lake to save someone from certain drowning, or climbing a skyscraper to rescue someone who slipped from the parapet of its terrace, or jumping on to the railway track to push an unsuspecting creature out of the way of a speeding train that is closing in.

ILLUSTRATION: EXPRESS

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These visible life-saving acts conventionally qualify for awards. There is a degree of romanticism surrounding them. They win hearts, impress minds, and lure others into imaginations of themselves in the forefront of such heroic acts.

That romanticism fails the inevitable life-saving acts of motorists while driving or riding from point A to point B in Bengaluru. That's a done thing! So what's great about it?

Here is what is great about being a safe motorist in Bengaluru, and why they are the biggest heroes for the sheer number of lives they save every day/night. The motoring heroes must thank their own careless and negligent counterparts who care two hoots for others' safety. They must also thank the pedestrians, who actually 'walk the talk' (involves a mobile phone held to the ear, obviously) on the city roads either in the absence of safe footpaths, or just out of habit. Often these jaywalkers hold their children on the roadside, making them vulnerable to be run down by speeding vehicles...but for the alert saviour motorist, who notices the pedestrian's folly and saves the kid by swerving away.

Safe motorists anticipate it.

Pedestrians are the most saved by the motorists daily – probably, in double-digits every few minutes.

It is important to acknowledge these saviours' contribution to the political process: It is their alert, mishap-averse actions that ensure that people will end up voting on May 10 when the state goes to the polls. If not for their life-saving driving skills, many wouldn't see the polling booths – because the dead do not vote, even in the best of democracies!

In a city where everyone seems to be in a hurry – and yet rarely punctual with their appointments – the Bengaluru motorists have an immense potential to be life-saving heroes. And most of them are!

Grieving a break-up

LOVEOLOGY
Mahesh Natarajan

(The author is a counsellor with InnerSight)

THEY say that sometimes a heartbreak can be quite literally as painful as a heart attack. There are very few relationships the end of which is truly celebrated. The end of a relationship, even when it is something one seeks to end, may not be quite the heart breaking event but it still is quite distressful.

It can be quite the spiral with bouts of guilt, shame, despair, pain and grief tumbling all around. It is not easy to move on and many times, one is caught up in all the conflicting emotions that it is not easy to even know what we feel.

If you are going through such a time, it can help to take such time for a little exercise that can maybe make it a little easier to separate out everything that is going on as you try to feel your way through the end of this relationship. The first exercise is a list you might want to consider making – go ahead and list down all that you think and feel you miss about the relationship you were in just now. Let it be any and every thing that you can think of that you feel you miss. Little things like having someone to fight over who will need to clear the cat's litter box, or someone upon whose leg you could put your own and treat that as a comfortable and comforting foot rest. Maybe it will be things like someone whose presence took away the sting when neighbours and family elders look around to see who they can bully about their marital status. It could even be practical things like someone who was able to make sure that there was food stocked up at home, or that the kitchen sink or the bathroom is not clogged up. Maybe it is the physical intimacy, or someone to accompany you to a meal in a new restaurant you wanted to try out. Or someone to share the rent and utilities so that in these days of high inflation, you don't really feel the pinch much.

Once you are done, go away for a bit and have a coffee or something, and then after a while, come back and look at the list. Really look at it and ask yourself: Is the list about this particular someone who you have broken up with? Or, is it more about just being in the kind of relationship that you really wanted to be, but this one wasn't the one you actually wished for? If it is the latter, then you probably are grieving for the time lost with an unsuitable partner. Then, it is really about getting back on with a clearer idea of who you need in life.

If it was the former, then it is a love lost that you are grieving over and that is going to take a while. Grief has no road map really that will help you get over it, but you can make your life bigger while honouring what this love meant for you.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
CHANGE OF NAME

CHANGE OF NAME
I "PINKY MONDAL" spouse of "PARTHA PRATIM MONDAL" resident of SMQ 450/2, 6th Camp, Air Force Station Jalahalli East, Bangalore - 560014, have changed my name from "PINKY MONDAL" to "PINKI MONDAL" vide affidavit dated 31/03/2023 sworn before notary R Ramesh, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, Mr. Devaraju, aged about 45 years, Residing at No. 169, 7th Cross, Maruthinagar, Ittamadu, BSK 3 Stage, Bangalore South, Hosakerehalli, Bangalore-560085., have changed my daughters name from VISMAYA.D to VIBHA.D vide affidavit dated 01.04.2023 sworn to before Advocate and Notary Devaraja .E, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, KVANH MENON, S/o Asha Menon, aged about 22 years, R/of F5, Gold Corniche, No. 7, Charles Campbell, Campbell Road, Cox Town, Bangalore-560005, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from KVANH MARTIN ASHER PEREIRA to KVANH MENON, henceforth I shall be known and called as KVANH MENON only, vide affidavit dated 03-04-2023, sworn before Advocate and Notary GANGARAJU .B.N at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, SERVICE NO JC- 312335H SUB M. SIVANANDAM of unit: 'B' COY, TRG BN-I, MEG & CENTRE, BANGALORE, 560042, Have Changed My Son Name (OLD NAME) KABILAN to (NEW NAME) S. KABILAN Vide Affidavit Dated 24.01.2023 Sworn Before Notary GANGARAJU .B.N BANGALORE.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, (OLD NAME) B REVATHI Spouse of No. 16115196N NK MANIKANDAN C Residing at Flat #15, Ishwarya Nagar Near NKJ Catering College, Aranmanaipudur, Theni(Dist), TAMIL NADU(State), Pin:625531,Have Changed My Name to (NEW NAME) REVATHI B Vide Affidavit Dated 28.03.2023 Sworn Before Notary MEER HASSAN BANGALORE.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, NIVEDITHA E D/o Eshwara, R/o No.05, 4th Cross, 2nd Main Road, B K Nagar, Bengaluru – 560022 have changed my name from NIVEDITHA E to ASMA vide affidavit dated 01.04.2023, sworn before notary Sivakumara M.N, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, Siddan Gowda S/o Shivappa Gowda, aged about 60 years, Residing at, # no:3/10, Yalagi, Shorapur Taluk, Yadgir, Karnataka - 585216, have changed my name from Siddappa to Siddan Gowda S/o Shivappa Gowda, vide affidavit dated 17/3/2023 sworn to before S Nagaraja advocate & notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, Mr. SHASHIKANT RENAKE @ SHASHIKANT PRABHAKAR RENAKE, father of ADITYA RENAKE, aged about 17 years (DOB : 14/06/2005), Residing at Flat No. 18037, 18th Tower, Prestige Shantiniketan, ITPL Road, Whitefield, Bangalore - 560 048, do hereby declare that I have changed my son's name from ADITYA SHASHIKANT RENAKE to ADITYA RENAKE vide affidavit dated 03.04.2023 sworn to before M. Krishnamurthy, Advocate & Notary Public, Bengaluru.

AFFIDAVIT
I, BIPIN.H.NAIK, S/o. Hemaji Naik.S, aged about 32 years, Residing No.5, 1st Floor, 17th Main, 4th Block, Near Reliance Fresh, Bengaluru North, Nandini Layout, Bengaluru-560 096, I declare that my name has entered at 1st standard. "H.Akshaya" and 2nd and 3rd standard, my name entered as "H.Akshay" in the school records instead of "Bipin.H.Naik". By mistake my name has been entered as "H.Akshaya" and "H.Akshay" at 1st to 3rd standard in two school records. I have decided to continue my name in future as BIPIN.H.NAIK, vide affidavit dated 03-04-2023 sworn before Advocate and Notary Shashidevi M.P., Bengaluru

AFFIDAVIT
I, MOHAMMED IBRAHIM SAIT, S/o Yousuff, R/at Door No. 9E, 13th Street, Kambal Post, Shivajinagar, Bangalore North, HKP Road, Bangalore-560051, do hereby declare that my correct name is MOHAMMED IBRAHIM SAIT but in my SSLC Marks Card and in Old Passport my name is mentioned as MOHAMED IBRAHIM SAIT instead of MOHAMMED IBRAHIM SAIT, vide affidavit dated 03-04-2023, sworn before Advocate and Notary H.M. GOVINDARAJU at Hoskote.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, ABUBAKAR SIDDIQ, aged about 27 years, S/o. Mohammed Azeezuddin, residing at No. 125, 2nd Main, 7th Cross, Islampura, Bangalore-560017, I have changed my name from ABUBAKAR to ABUBAKAR SIDDIQ vide affidavit Dated 03/04/2023 sworn before Notary C.V.Earappa, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, SERVICE NO.16132181F SPR TAMILSELVAN.K, of unit: 19 ENGR REGT, 192 FD COY, C/O 56 APO, PIN:914019, Have Changed My Brother Name (OLD NAME) GIRIDHARAN to (NEW NAME) GIRIDHARAN K, Vide Affidavit Dated 28.03.2023 Sworn Before Notary MEER HASSAN BANGALORE.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, ASHLESH KUMAR S/o Girdhari Lal, aged about 45 Years, R/at Sobha Indraprastha, 13th Floor, F1-2135, W2, Minerva Mill Compound, Rajajinagar, Bangalore- 560023, have Changed my name to ASHLESH GARG vide affidavit dated: 3/4/2023 Before Notary A.S.Narayana Reddy, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, MAHMADAKHASIM, aged 38 years, S/o. Ismail Sab, residing of No. 6/9, 1st Floor, 1st Cross, 1st Main, Sonnenahalli, Maruthi nagara, Ullalu, Bengaluru-560056, have changed my name to MAHAMMAD KHASIM vide affidavit dated: 03-04-2023 sworn before Notary H.S. SAKALESH ARADHYA, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, Dr. G.S. Patil, S/o. Halkundi Siddana Gouda Patil, (H.S. Patil), Aged about 69 years, residing at No. 584/A, 6th Cross, 17th A Main Road, 6th Block, Koramangala, Bangalore 560 095 have vide Affidavit dated 25/3/2023 cum declaration before D. Gunasekhar, Advocate and Notary Public, Mayo Hall, Bangalore. AND HENCEFORTH I WILL BE CALLED AND KNOWN AS GAVIRAJIS S. PATIL AS PER MY AADHAR CARD.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, DHARMISTA MISTRY, DOB: 11.12.1977, W/o. Mr. Manish Mistry, Presently Residing at Flat No. 305, Block-A, VR Shobha Meadows, Collage Road, Near Nandhashree Hall, Hosakote, Bangalore Rural District - 562 114, Karnataka, India, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from GAJJAR DHARMISTABEN HASMUKHLAL to DHARMISTA MISTRY vide affidavit dated 3.4.2023 sworn to before K.V. Jagannath Reddy, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, KAJOL D. BIRAWAT, D/o Dinesh K. Birawat, aged about 27 years, R/of No. 718, Birawat Kunj, 3rd Floor, 6th 'A' Main Road, Srinagar, Bangalore-560050, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from SUGAN DOLLY to KAJOL D. BIRAWAT, henceforth I shall be known and called as KAJOL D. BIRAWAT only, vide affidavit dated 30-03-2023, sworn before Advocate and Notary B.S. HEMANTH KUMAR at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, (OLD NAME) POOJA.R, D/o. C.Ramesh, residing at No. 114/2, 3rd Cross, Krishnamma Garden, Pemme Gowda Road, Near Ayappa Temple, Bangalore North, Bangalore-560046, have changed my name from POOJA.R to VIBHA.R vide affidavit Dated 27/03/2023 sworn before Notary B.R.Shashikala, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I VIJAYA SARATHY KUDUM Son of K Srinivasalu Born on 22.05.1974, residing at No.A203, Shashank Florento App., Amba Bhavani Temple Road, Doddabettahalli, Bangalore 560097. My name is changed from KUDUM VIJAYASARATHY to VIJAYA SARATHY KUDUM . Hence the affidavit is sworn before the Notary Kundan Babu M. on 01.04.2023.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, SERVICE NO 16115196N NK MANIKANDAN C, of unit: 372 ENGR COY, 12 INF BDE, C/O 56 APO, PIN:908012, Have Changed My Father Name (OLD NAME) CHANDRASEKARAN N to (NEW NAME) CHANDRASEKARAN And Mother Name (OLD NAME) MUNISWARI to (NEW NAME) MUNEESHWARI CHANDRASEKARAN Vide Affidavit Dated 28.03.2023 Sworn Before Notary MEER HASSAN BANGALORE.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, (OLD NAME) DHANALKSHMI YEDUVAKA Spouse of No.16115614X SPR SATTI BABU YEDUVAKA,Residing at Vallampudi (vill),Vepada(Post),Vizianagaram(Dist)ANDHRA PRADESH(State) Pin:535281, Have Changed My Name to (NEW NAME) DHANALAKSHMI Vide Affidavit Dated 01.04.2023 Sworn Before Notary GANGARAJU .B.N BANGALORE.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, MAHESH V. aged 52 years, S/o. Rama Krishna Holla V. residing of No. 3G/4, Temple Street, ITI Layout, Katri Guppe Main Road, near Krishna International School, Banashankari 3rd Stage, Bengaluru-560085, have changed my name to MAHESH HOLLA vide affidavit dated: 01-04-2023 sworn before Notary DEEPA M. Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, NAJMUNISSA, have changed my name from "NAJMUNISSA" to "NAJMUNISSA MASOOD" Vide affidavit dated: 30-03-2023, Sl.No.0023 at Page 18 of Book-22 before Syed Masood Ahmed, advocate & Notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, Rajesh Purushothaman, R/o No. A-904, Trifecta Star Light, Garudacharpalya, Mahadevapura, Bengaluru-560048. I have changed my name from Rajesh Kumar Purushothaman to RAJESH PURUSHOTHAMAN. Vide affidavit dated : 01/04/2023. Sworn before Notary : J. Anand Kumar.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, LAKSHETA NARESH MOORJANI KHURANA, D/o Sri Naresh Kumar Purshottam Moorjani and W/o Sri Prateek Khurana, aged about 30 years, R/at No. 1847, Rani Bagh, Shakur Bastri, Saraswati Vihar, Delhi-110034, now at A-1002, Tower 1, Adarsh Palm Retreat, Devarabisanahalli, Bengaluru-560103, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from LAKSHETA NARESH MOORJANI to LAKSHETA NARESH MOORJANI KHURANA, vide affidavit dated 03-04-2023, sworn before Advocate and Notary D.B. RAMESH BASHKAR at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, JOSHUA OBEDIYA KIRUBAKARAN .J, S/o Johnson, aged about 29 years, R/at No. 26, 2nd Floor, 5th Cross, Lakshmipuram, Halasuru, Bangalore-560008, Karnataka, India, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from JOSHVA OBEDIYA KIRUPAKARAN J to JOSHUA OBEDIYA KIRUBAKARAN J, henceforth I shall be known and called as JOSHUA OBEDIYA KIRUBAKARAN J only, vide affidavit dated 01-04-2023, sworn before Advocate and Notary L. GOPALAKRISHNA at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, (OLD NAME) R. DHANALAKSHMI Spouse of NO JC-311469P SUB MAJ PURUSHOTTAMA RAMARAJU, Residing at H NO 3-7-403, Flat NO-101, Umabhawan, Prakash Nagar Colony, Rajendra Nagar (MD), Rangareddy (Dist), TELANGANA (State), PIN:500048 Have Changed My Name to (NEW NAME) RATNALA DHANA LAKSHMI Vide Affidavit Dated 27.03.2023 Sworn Before Notary L. GOPALAKRISHNA BANGALORE.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, AMBUJAKSHI, aged 46 years, W/o. Mahesh Holla, residing of No. 3G/4, Temple Street, ITI Layout, Katri Guppe Main Road, Near Krishna International School, Banashankari 3rd Stage, Bengaluru -560085, have changed my name to AMBIKA HOLLA vide affidavit dated: 01-04-2023 sworn before Notary DEEPA M. Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, MADHUKESHWAR HEGDE S/o GANAPATI HEGDE R/at No. 71 Sri Hari 6th A Cross Ground floor 2nd Main Ramanjaneya Nagar Uttrahalli Bengaluru- 560061 have Changed my Name to MADHUKESHWAR G HEGDE vide affidavit dated: 3/4/2023 Before Notary Notary H S SAKALESH ARADHYA Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, ASHLESH GIRIDHARI LAL AGARWAL R/at Sobha Indraprastha,13th Floor, F1-2135, W2, Minerva Mill Compound, Rajajinagar, Bangalore- 560023, have Changed my minor Child name from MITI To MITI GARG vide affidavit dated: 3/4/2023 Before Notary A.S.Narayana Reddy, Bangalore

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'PRAMOD AND PRASANNA THEATRES WERE MY SECOND HOME'

...says Khadar Kumar as he talks about his debut directorial *Veeram*. He also shares about his father Shivaraju, who was a junior artist.

Khadar Kumar was 11 years when his journey with cinema started. Being the son of junior artiste Shivaraju, Khadar began his career in films by associating with his friend, Pavan Wadeyar from *Govindaya Namaha* to *Natasarvabhowma*.

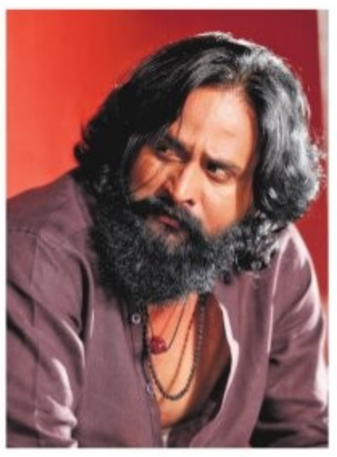
But he shares that his learning and unlearning related to cinema took place in Pramod and Prasanna theatres. "I grew up watching every film that was released in these theatres, and they were my second home and my guru. Watching films here helped me to learn about the making in cinema and about every Kannada artistes. Though I did a six-month course in filmmaking, every Friday release taught me the craft," explains Khadar, on the sidelines of his debut release *Veeram* slated to release on April 7.

Prajwal Devaraj

"Story, screenplay, and dialogues became my forte at a very young age, and I think I inherited this from my father, who had played minor roles in over 800 films." Initially, he didn't like me entering the cinema field. But hearing me chant Dr Vishnuvardhan's name, and seeing me watch films every week, he allowed me to fulfill my dreams. I didn't see the difficulty faced by a junior artiste, but he became my inspiration," he says.

Khadar Kumar is a well-known talent among the filmmaker's circle. However, it has taken 10 years to realise his directorial project *Veeram*. "I came to the industry as a script writer, and Pavan was my good friend, with whom I started working. Though there was a lot of preparation from my end, eventually I got to realise that everything has its time and when things will fall in place. Though I had a few productions, who came forward to team up, I managed to find the right producer in K M Shashidhar, and *Veeram* happend," says the debutant director.

About, *Veeram*, Khadar says it is both a commercial entertainer and is a family story. "Anger is something, which might make or break the family, which is the underline theme of my directorial debut," says the director. The film starring Prajwal, and the glimpses from the trailers and teasers, sees the actor, sporting a rugged look, long hair and beard, and a fan of legendary actor, Dr. Vishnuvardhan. The director quips, and reason behind placing the thespian Vishnuvardhan in the picture. "I am a big fan of Vishnuvardhan, and I like to disclose that I had even penned a script for the legendary actor when I was in my 9th standard and had titled it, *Agent Vishnu*. But couldn't bring it on the silver screen. However, my love for the actor is alive, and I wanted to bring him into my first film as a tribute. This tattoo of Vishnuvardhan inked on Prajwal comes as a character through the entire film, and gets an important placement," he says.



Stills from the film

Khadar says he had a fixed mindset of doing a commercial entertainer blend with content, as he feels that given any day, it is a genre that cine-goers mostly enjoy. "Sitting amongst the audience at these two theatres, I would think deeply explore what scenes they most enjoyed, whistled, and connected with, and I have tried and applied in *Veeram*," he says.

Veeram has Rachita Ram as the female lead and also features Srinagar Kitty in a pivotal role, and Deepak of *Shishya fame* as the antagonist. Anoop Seelin has scored the music for the film, and has cinematographer by Lavith Kumar.

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>
> Khadar Kumar, director

Sumukha turns chocolate boy for his next

Multilingual actor Sumukha, who made heads turn with his performance in *Physics Teacher*, has bagged his next. The film, which has a message about friendship and brotherhood has Sumukha sharing the screen with Shine Shetty and Nidhi Hegde. The first schedule of the film has been completed in Sakleshpur, and the makers will soon begin shooting the next portions. Sharing his look from the film, Sumukha says, " *Physics Teacher* was a film with a serious plot, and in contrast, the role in this yet-to-be-titled film directed by Uday Shetty, I will be seen as a chocolate boy."

Apart from this, Sumukha has the bilingual film *Rajasthan Diaries* made in Kannada and Marathi, which is getting ready to hit the screens. The film has him paired opposite Manvita Kamath. "*Rajasthan Diaries* is a full-fledged love story, another new genre for me. Arjuna Janya has composed music for the love story that unveils amidst the beautiful desert," says the actor.

Sumukha

'Zwigato is a mirror to society'

Actor-director Nandita Das talks about her third directorial *Zwigato* and about what prompted her to make a film about the common man

DIANA SAHU

Cinema plays a vital role in capturing the current society, the emerging socio-economic shifts and the way that alters the life and psychological state of the masses. *Zwigato* is one such attempt to capture how a rapidly digitizing gig economy has started affecting the life of the common man. Director Nandita Das lets us in on the thought process that went into crafting her third directorial.

At a time when the film industry is facing a 'Boycott Bollywood' phase, you chose to make a film that is socially relevant. What made you take the risk?

I instinctively anchor towards socially conscious subjects. I got into films as an actor by default. I did my Masters in Social Work and have worked with various NGOs and the experience of being exposed to the many realities is bound to impact my choices in films both consciously and instinctively. I tell human stories, but not in a preachy or didactic way. *Zwigato* is not a 300-crore film with heavy VFX which makes it very difficult to be made because no one is ready to invest. But it was important for me to do a film like *Zwigato* because it is the story of the working class, a reflection of reality and a mirror to society.

What was the idea behind doing a film on a food delivery partner, his world of incentives and ratings?

The idea of this film started with a discussion about growing unemployment and the complexity of gig work. I was drawn to the collision of emerging technology and the working class. With the rise of the gig economy, the struggle between man and machine that Chaplin depicted in 'Modern Times' has now shifted to the one between man and algorithms. The pandemic has made us more reliant on gig workers while being less aware of their struggles. While this was the trigger point, *Zwigato* is also about our normalised biases of class, caste, and gender.

Were Kapil Sharma and Shahana Goswami your natural choice for the characters of Manas and Pratima?

Serendipitously, a clip of Kapil and Karan Johar at an awards ceremony popped up. I thought, here is a man who is natural, uninhibited, candid, and seems to connect with people effortlessly. So, I reached out to him on an impulse, not fully knowing if he would be right for the part or if he would accept the offer. He completely submitted to the process and together we were able to catch the right note for the character.

Having worked with Shahana in 'Firaaq' and knowing her through the years, I knew she was the perfect choice for Pratima. She's a lovely person, a wonderful actor and we have great working chemistry. So sometimes I can just look at her and she will know what's not working or why that moment was so special. I'm really happy to have worked with her again. She and Kapil fit perfectly as a couple in terms of their energy and presence. They also had a wonderful working relationship that only added to their performances.

How was your experience shooting in Bhubaneswar?

What made the process really wonderful was that the people in Bhubaneswar were very helpful and cooperative. You ask the people to go back, you ask people to be quiet and they actually do. The city itself is an important character in the film, as the food delivery rider is crisscrossing the length and breadth of it every single day.

Ninety-five per cent of the cast in *Zwigato* is local. Was it easier working with them?

Yes, only 5 to 6 actors in *Zwigato* are from Mumbai. The rest are locals and some of them had never faced the camera before. Taking actors from the milieu of the shoot made the world so much more authentic. I want to say that there is so much untapped talent in Odisha. I also got a few young writers and directors from Bhubaneswar who wanted to observe the process.

Will we see you directing or acting for OTT any time soon?

Every form has its excitement and challenges. Slowly, I am becoming more open to exploring OTT offers for direction. I am certainly not opposed to acting but I have become more choosy about it. I have been getting a fair amount of acting work and now there are a couple that I am considering. So hopefully you will see me in front of the camera too. For the last few years, I have been busy directing films which have been all-consuming. But I did manage to squeeze in a guest appearance in Shaad Ali's *Call My Agent* and in Venu Udugula's *'Virata Parvam*.

What is your next directorial venture?

Now that I have embraced direction less hesitantly, I have slowly begun working on a film. But it is in the very early research stages. There is no dearth of work, but not all of it is good. After all, it is one life, so I want to make sure I use my time well on this planet! But over the years, and more so after the pandemic, I have also learnt not to plan too much and be open to surprises and change.

Nandita Das

Tilak and Girish Kumar

Gangster Alla Prankster shooting wrapped up

The shooting of *Gangster Alla Prankster*, starring Tilak Shekhar of *Ugramm* fame has been wrapped up. While Tilak will be seen as a gangster, director Girish Kumar B also plays a role , and will be seen as a prankster in the film. This is the third film for Girish Kumar, who had previously directed *Bhavachitra*.

Gangster Alla Prankster is billed to be a comedy-action drama and it is now in the post-production stage. The team is aiming to release the film in May or June.

The audio rights of the film has been bagged by Anand Audio with four songs composed by John Kennedy. The film has cinematography by Ajay Kumar, and editing by Ratish Kumar.

Gangster Alla Prankster also stars Viranika Shetty, Bala Rajawadi, Girish Bijjal, Honavalli Krishna, Sangeet Anil, Sundar, Rathish Kumar, Pawan, Hanumanthe Gowda, and Bhavani Prakash in pivotal roles.